

Citywide Parent Council (CPC) Meeting Minutes

15 December 2015, 6-8pm

Reminders from the Facilitator: CPC meetings are public. Guests are welcome and are able to speak during the Public Comment period. Representatives are responsible for updating their school communities about the meetings and the issues discussed.

Attendance: Parents from 35 schools attended the meeting. Information sharing and distribution of minutes through the CPC Google group is now going to parents representing 100 schools.

Next meetings: For the 2015/16 academic year meetings will be held the last Tuesday of each month. Dates are: January 26th, February 23rd, March 29th, April 26th, May 31st and June 21st (fourth Tuesday). It was agreed that the meetings for the coming year would be held at the Bolling Building. Superintendent Chang will participate in the following meetings: February 23rd, May 31st.

Warm up Question: each participant was asked to relate a gift you have given your school and a gift you have received from your school.

Election Result Recap. The election results from the previous meeting were summarized:

Co-Chairs:	Heshan, Kenny, Angie and Latoya
Co-Secretaries:	Mary and Margaret
Treasurers:	Chris and Netta
Moderators:	Sapna and Shannon
School Council Rep:	Dina and Naeemah
ELT:	Kris and Maria
SSC Steering Comm:	Bruce, Carolyn, Nancy, Regina. 5 th rep to be elected in January.
Transportation:	Gloria, Harneen, Barbara
Code of Conduct:	Kenneth, Portia, Ellen

Additional information on the structure and by-laws of the CPC can be found on the website at <http://www.citywideparentcouncil.org/about-us/>

Transportation Committee update. Kenny commented on changes being considered for cost of MBTA passes as part of MBTA restructuring. Dina said that they are trying to get M7s for Lila Frederick students.

Food & Nutrition Sub-Committee update. The Food & Nutrition subcommittee will meet this Thursday night (December 17th) at 8pm via conference call. If you are interested in participating, contact Shannon Parker at shannondparker@gmail.com and she will forward you a link to participate.

Group Ups. Sapna led participants through a series of exercises which sub-divided the group in multiple ways, giving parents an opportunity to learn about each other. Subdivisions included: by shirt color, by birthday, by number of family members, by neighborhood, favorite family holiday tradition. At the

conclusion of the exercise, Sapna noted this exercise helps remind us of the following: we have no control of some ways we identify ourselves (birth month and number of family members), some ways in which we identify ourselves aren't meaningful (color of shirts), some ways in which we identify ourselves are very meaningful (neighborhood) and some ways we identify ourselves offer the opportunity to make our own meaning (holiday traditions).

As a further exercise parents met in groups to identify Best Practices and Challenges at their schools. Following is a brief summary of ideas put forward by the groups:

Best Practices

- Meeting with Neighborhood Watch
- Strategic planning for parent council
- Engaged teachers pushing students to perform at their highest level
- Teacher/parent communication through folders
- Parents supporting each other
- Inclusion model (as Best Practice and Challenge)

Challenges

- Pathway to 6th grade (K-5) school
- AWC "cannibalizes" our school
- Lack of fundraising skills for parent council, communities with economic diversity
- Communication among parents and administrators
- Funding
- Inclusion model (as Best Practice and Challenge)

There was an extended discussion of the meaning and practice of "inclusion". Multiple participants want to form a Sub-Committee. Parents who saw Audrey Jackson's presentation at an earlier meeting reminded the group that she has offered to be a resource.

Announcements:

- Less Testing, More Learning meeting: December 21st at 4pm at BTU, 180 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester
- Meetings on the Boston Compact
 - CPC will hold a meeting on Unified Enrollment in January: date TBD
 - StopTheCompact Coalition is having a meeting on Unified Enrollment on December 21st at 6:30pm: Karen K-M will post details on the Google group
 - Emergency Town Hall meeting on unified enrollment organized by BEJA and other community groups on Thursday, January 14th at Madison Park from 6-8pm.

Attending:

BAA	Karen Kast-McBride
BCLA	Gloria West
BLA	Mary Battenfield, Beth Nolan
BLS	Margaret Wood, Kenny Jervis

BTU	Joel Thompson
Channing	Dave Clarke
Chittick	Tamika Williams-Boucher
Clap	Gene Gorman, Kenny Jervis
Conley	Antoniella Brownell
Curley	Heshan Berents-Weeramuni
EMK	Regina McClay
Guild	Antoniella Brownell
Hale	Daphnee Floreal
Henderson	Ken Hawkes, Maria Roges
Haley	Karen Zerby Buzzelle
Hurley	Angelina Camacho
JFK	Krista Magnuson
Lee	Odette Williamsun
Lyndon	Sapna Padte (meeting facilitator)
Manning	Karen Oil
Mason	Naeemah Kennedy, Latoya Eagle, Liza White
Murphy	Kim Harris, Marquita Kelley
O'Bryant	Fatima Rosario
Ohrenberger	Harneen Chernow
Philbrick	Bob Damon, Sherley Riviere
Snowden	Barbara Rosa
Sumner	Katie Musefisher
TechBoston	Carolyn Lomax, Karen Kast-McBride
Timilty	Barbara Rosa
Trotter	Dina Cundiff
UP Holland	Malikka Watts
Young Achievers	Gloria West
West Roxbury Acad.	Andre-Fils Dorsainvil
OFSE	Monica Roberts
	Nampeera Lugira
	Al Watson
	Lori Greenwood
	Raghida Jeranida