**Citywide Parent Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 27, 2018**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

**Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, Room 7-227**

1. Welcome
2. Guest Speakers
   1. Jacob Stern, Office of Data and Accountability (along with Nicole Wagner-Lam and Monica Hogan) regarding the BPS Performance Meter
      1. Email: jstern2@bostonpublicschools.org
      2. A metric for how we are doing as a district on college, career, and life readiness
      3. Meant to be a public facing document on the web
      4. District-wide, not by school
      5. Currently in draft form
      6. Working in collaboration with Johns Hopkins
      7. Draft metrics
         1. Kindergarten – early literacy
         2. Third grade – ELA
         3. Fifth grade – science
         4. Eighth grade – math
         5. Students with 94+% attendance
         6. Suspension rate
         7. English learner progression
         8. Students with disabilities in inclusive settings
         9. Teacher diversity
         10. Family engagement
         11. 10th graders “on-track” for graduation
         12. 4-year cohort graduation rate
         13. Students graduating high school, college, career, and life ready
         14. Post-secondary completion rates (bachelors/associate degrees or industry recognized certificates)
      8. Will be taken to School Committee on April 25, 2018
      9. Plan on a public launch in June 2018
      10. A feedback form and contact email addresses will be distributed to CPC members by Melissa Curran
   2. Annissa Essaibi-George, Boston City Councilor at Large
      1. Chair of the Committee on Education at the Boston City Council
      2. Email: annissa.essaibi-george@boston.gov
      3. Former BPS teacher (East Boston High)
      4. Her Focuses / Recent Work
         1. Student homelessness in BPS
            1. How to support those kids, families, and communities?
         2. Student residency efforts
            1. Took a snapshot of the residency problem

a couple of years ago and 22 students were discharged

* + - * 1. Last year 88 kids were discharged
      1. Bell Times
         1. Goal was later high school start times
      2. Should Boston School Committee remain appointed, be elected, or be a hybrid
         1. Filed an order for community meetings and a hearing on this topic
      3. BPS Budget
         1. School Committee will likely pass it tomorrow evening
         2. Will then go to mayor who will present a city budget to the City Council
         3. End of April through middle June will be in the hands of the City Council
         4. BSAC has asked to play a larger role in this process; will have 1-2 students present their position on each of the topics on behalf of their group
      4. Hearing on vocational education (Madison Park)
         1. What is happening there, what could be happening there, and what they’d like to see happen there (advocating for more support from the city and state)
      5. School Safety
         1. Classroom doors that lock from the inside

Some lock from the outside

Some don’t lock at all

* + - * 1. Fulltime nurse in every school building
        2. Access to behavior, metal health professionals / social workers
        3. Exterior doors locked and cameras at front doors and people buzzed in
        4. Cameras in school buildings
        5. Intercoms throughout the buildings that work
        6. Question: what is the city doing to ensure the schools have the money they need for these things? Answer: BuildBPS led to a pause in investing in maintaining current systems; she is asking for people to share what their schools need to be more secure – ask your principals/teachers what they need
        7. Suggested having Tommy Welch do a presentation on BuildBPS
      1. Question: Transportation delays
         1. Budget: $116 million for yellow busses for kids this year, but $119-123 million next year
         2. Feels that this budget is much too high
      2. Would like to return to CPC later this school year or early next school year

1. District Representative Reports
   1. School Quality Working Group (Kathleen Jarvinen)
      1. Please give feedback to Jacob Stern on the Performance Meter and refer to the email Kathleen sent out last night
   2. Title 1 Committee
      1. The last meeting was snowed out and will be rescheduled
   3. Wellness Committee
      1. The last meeting was snowed out and will meet on April 10 instead
      2. Will send documents out to the CPC Google Group to provide further information
      3. The District Wellness Council wants feedback on if your individual school has a School Wellness Council (are schools utilizing the resources provided)
   4. Transportation Committee (Ashley)
      1. Suggests that the district engage with the CPC around this issue
      2. The CPC informally discussed various issues regarding transportation during tonight’s meeting
2. General Announcements and Open Discussion
   1. BuildBPS Funding – any word on that?
      1. Have any schools received their new furniture yet?
   2. Climate Survey – how to encourage participation?
      1. Need to communicate with parents why it is important
      2. Kathleen Jarvinen will follow up to get suggestions about this
3. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm, April 24 – Madison Park Technical High School, 75 Malcolm X Boulevard
4. Remaining 2018 Meeting Dates:
   1. April 24 – Bolling Building, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, 6th Floor
   2. May 22 – Bolling Building, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, 2nd Floor, School Committee Chamber
   3. June 19 – Bolling Building, 2300 Washington Street, Roxbury, 2nd Floor, School Committee Chamber