

Citywide Parent Council Meeting Minutes December 18, 2018

School represented: JFK, Channing, O'Bryant, Hernandez, Lyndon, BAA, Haley, BLA, Murphy, Condon, Josiah Quincy (Lower), Kenny, Manning, Young Achievers, Mission Hill, Alighieri, Sumner, and the Eliot,

My Way Café <http://www.mywaycafe.org/>

- My Way cafe presented to CPC. Ross Wilson from shahfoundation.org and Laura Benevidez, Director of Food and Nutrition for BPS explained how the rollout has gone and how schools were selected
- Started in neighborhoods with economically disadvantaged students. Roxbury, Mattapan and East Boston were first to be completed. Hope to announce next set of schools for My Way Cafes in the New Year to eventually replace Revolution Foods, prepackaged meal program.
- They will be in 30 schools by the end of this year and plan to build 30 more next year but the goal is for schools to be added every year until all are complete
- The program involves building kitchens in schools and opening both salad and hot bars. Kids get to choose what goes on their plates at each meal. Middle and high school cafes offer students more options
- The Shah Foundation is matching funding for this project.
- They are pleased that this program will also provide more jobs to Boston residents.
- Time was allotted for questions and feedback from parents in attendance.
- Presenters invited interested parents to visit the schools where the program is up and running. People may contact Ross: ross@shahfoundations.org to make arrangements.
- Presenters asked parents to advocate for this program so that they can keep the expansion as a BPS priority.

Superintendent Search Committee

- Members of the Superintendent Search Committee came to offer information and clarity about their process and to elicit feedback from the group about priorities for hiring. Bios for the committee members can be found at <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/1363>

- Members present include School Committee member Alexandra Oliver-Davila, Keith Motley UMass Boston, Samuel Acevedo, Boston Higher Education Resource Center; Michael O'Neill from School Committee, & Carolyn Kain, BPS PARENT & SPEDPAC chair
- The Committee rewrote the RFP for a search firm to lead the search process. They received 7 applicants and have chosen the firm, Isaacson Miller. <https://www.imsearch.com/>. This will be presented to the School Committee on 12/19 for final approval.
- They are revamping the job description, which is still in draft form.
- They hope to have the job description and search firm in place by the end of this week, as most superintendent candidates start applying for jobs during the winter break.
- All documents that the Search Committee has generated are available online at, <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/superintendentsearch>. All meetings are public.
- They provided opportunities for parents to comment on 4 areas of interest:
 - Positive Qualities of the District
 - Positive Qualities of Past Superintendents
 - Challenges Facing the District
 - Desired Qualities & Characteristics of the Next Superintendent
- They opened the room for questions and comments. They asked for people to follow up with any further questions and comments by e-mailing the committee at esullivan3@bostonpublicschools.org.

CPC Elections

- Elections were held for the spots of 4 Co-Chairs, 2 Secretaries, and 2 Treasurers. One open co-chair still exists for a Latino or rep from another ethnic group
- Due to small meeting attendance and lack of nominations for Co-Chair Candidates, the parents present voted unanimously to disregard the section of the bylaws that called for the 4 Co-Chairs to be representative of 4 ethnicities. We elected 2 African American reps, and a Caucasian rep, and still have an open seat for a Latino or rep of another ethnicity. The decision was made that the group will continue to recruit parent participants and encourage more CPC members to attend the meetings and we could re-visit the structure of the leadership in the future. Elected executive members are:

Gloria West	Co Chair	Young Achievers
William Tabb	Co Chair	Channing
Nicol Riley	Co Chair	Sumner
Matt Savage	Co Chair	Eliot
Open	Co Chair	
Joanne Freeman	Treasurer	BAA
Jacqui Bartley	Secretary	Murphy K-8
Lauren Margharita	Secretary	Haley K-8

- Many parents said they have not been receiving communications from the committee. There was a suggestion to create a “CPC Secretary” email, so that future correspondences are not dependent on one individual.