

Citywide Parent Council Meeting Notes

22 September 2020 6-8pm ZOOM

Present:

Gloria West, Henderson

Brian Marques, Senior Director of Opportunity Youth

Kedan Harris, Assistant Director of OY

Mary Rheddick-Pola, School Attendance Officer

George Physic

Ashley Mahanama, Eliot

Christie Gibson, JQES

Haruna Hosokawa, Umana

Netta Brownell, Guild

Anna White, Henderson

Chris Martell, Kenny

Heather Wilson, EB EEC

Steve Lewis, Lyndon

Joanne Freeman-Fanfan, BAA

Nicol Riley, Sumner

Debora Curella

Chris Fung, Russell Elementary

Lindsey Sadler, Perry

Lisa Green, BLS

Rayshawnda Germany-Porter

Sasha Abby Vanderzee, Mendell

Dionyssios Mintsopoulos, EB EEC

Ann Malone, BLS

Patricia Camilleri

Lauren Margherita, BLA

Kuan Ju Liu, Grew

Amanda Laphan

1. Welcome, Check-in

a. Positive notes:

- i. School that had materials prepared for kids
- ii. Excited about liking teachers earlier in the year than normal

2. Statement of Norms:

a. Group Norms

- i. Be Respectful: Listen to and be open to the ideas of others; create a safe space to share
- ii. Be Mindful: Monitor airtime to ensure everyone has an opportunity to share
- iii. Be Engaged: Speak, share your experiences and let your voice be heard

b. Virtual Norms

- i. Mute yourself when not speaking
- ii. Use the “rename” function to add your school next to your name in the participants section
- iii. Use the “Raise your hand” feature under “participants”
- iv. This meeting will be recorded and possibly shared on web site and social media

3. Presentation (6:15-7:20): BPS Attendance Officials: Brian Marques (Senior Director of Opportunity Youth), Kedan Harris (Assistant Director), Mary Pola (Supervisor of Attendance)

a. See [slides](#) for details of presentation on current attendance policies

- i. Previously attendance was submitted by 11am daily, now can submit by end of instructional day
- ii. Panorama for attendance monitoring, providing link and help site

<https://sites.google.com/panoramaed.com/boston-public-schools-student-/home>

b. Advocating for City-Sponsored Broadband - contact Dr. Karilyn Crockett, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/mayors-office/dr-karilyn-crockett>

c. District Reopening;

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tbsOP8FSaxB_Jv5rxZMmiLPNbf_M1YHAtWFEiy6an4/edit

d. Each school has teams that are designated to ensure kids are present/responding

e. Attendance Training Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7G-kvLA95I>

f. Ideas about using Aspen portal to notify parents about attendance

g. You can email Mary Pola with feedback about attendance issues

h. Brian Marques: bmarques@bostonpublicschools.org

i. Kedan Harris: kharris@bostonpublicschools.org

j. Mary Pola: mrheddickpola@bostonpublicschools.org

4. Old Business:
 - a. By-Laws announcement and statement of elections
 - i. Representation out of balance
 - ii. Still Looking for Finance Co-Chair
 1. No one was elected to this position. Hopefully by the time real operating budgets get started in December
 - b. Volunteering for Internal Working Groups
 1. Tabled until October meeting
 - c. Volunteering for External Committee Representation
 - i. Boston School Committee Citizen's Nominating Panel
 1. Lauren nominated **Joanne Freeman** - Accepted
 2. **Chris Martell** as alternate - Accepted
 - ii. BuildBPS
 1. **Steve Lewis**
 2. **Sasha Mendell**
 3. **Anna White**
 - iii. School Quality Working Group
 1. **Gloria West**
 - iv. BPS Title I
 1. **Lauren Margharita**
 - v. District Wellness Council
 1. **Ann Malone**
 2. **Ashley Mahanama**
 - vi. CEAC
 1. **Nicol Riley**
 2. **Lauren Margharita**
 3. **Chris Fung**
 - vii. Vacant Positions: Attendance Advisory Council, Transportation Task Force, Inclusion Committee, School Climate/OAG, Code of Conduct, Early Learning, Boston Compact
 - d. Volunteering to connect with schools without a CPC rep - [see spreadsheet](#)
 - e. Agenda Items for Superintendent session on Mon 10/5 - need to submit agenda requests by tomorrow
 - f. Announcement about P-EBP benefits
5. New Business: **We didn't make it to New Business because the presentation and signups took longer than expected, but those questions were addressed at the Superintendent Quarterly meeting.**
 - a. Discuss new MOU for reopening school
 - i. Are walk-throughs happening at all schools before students return?

- b. Nicol would like to present about challenging the District to hire more diverse leadership, especially school-level administrators
- c. Updates to district policies - district vs. school handbooks - central way for district to communicate policy changes for each year to families?
Consistent ways for schools to communicate school-based policies to families?

Potential Agenda Items for October Meeting:

- 40 mins of Internal Committee breakout time
- Discussion of process for choosing upper schools - application processes, wait lists (maybe inviting someone from the district to discuss this?)
- SSC_Budget Time
- SPC/SSC Elections
- Cheryl Todesco of Health and Wellness (Ann Malone contact) - would like to present at future meeting
- Limiting presentations to one hour? Thinking about having presentations on alternate times? Need to have time for Internal Committee Meetings; advertising specific presentations, like SSC trainings as CPC-sponsored
- Having advance-scheduled, advertised, CPC-sponsored info sessions from the district and reserve CPC meetings for more organizing and advocacy time