

## Citywide Parent Council Meeting Minutes

27 October 2020 6-8pm ZOOM

### Highlights:

- Orienting new CPC members
- Working Group committee time for Communications/Diversity & Inclusion, Health and Wellness, and BuildBPS
- QuickLinks
  - CPC [Leadership Team Positions](#)
  - CPC [organizational circle chart](#)
  - CPC [Bylaws](#)
  - Join the CPC [Listserv](#), or let someone else know they should!
  - CPC web site: <http://www.citywideparentcouncil.org/>
  - [External Committee Representation](#)
- Staples cards need to be used by the end of November, P-EBT cards by the end of the year

### Zoom Roles:

Facilitator: Ashley

Screensharing: Gloria

Note Taking: Christie

Monitoring Waiting Room: Joanne

Monitoring Chat: Steve

Monitoring Raised Hands: Nicol

Spanish language interpretation! [thank you Nathalie and Luis!]

### Present:

Wenling Ma - Boston Latin School

Nicol Riley - Sumner

Leise Jones - Haley Pilot

Ashley Manahama - Eliot

Joanne Freeman - BAA

Gloria West - Henderson Upper

Steve Lewis - Lyndon

Luis Clara - Spanish Interpretation

Amanda Lapham - BLA and Manning (former rep)  
Ann Malone - BLS  
Anna White - Henderson Upper  
Christopher Martell - Kenney  
Emily Antonelli - Hale  
Erin Miller - Channing  
Jen Douglas - JFK  
Katie Simons - Kilmer  
Katrina Henry - Manning  
Lauren Margharita - BLA  
Lisa Green - BLS  
Lindsay Picciano  
Megan Quiñones - Mayor's Office  
Meghan Hoyne Wingate  
Anetra Warren - JFK  
Natalia Ramirez  
Natalie Louis - BPS  
Nguyet Dang - Russell  
Patricia McCormick - Timilty  
Christie Gibson - JQES  
Rachael Manasseh  
Rafaela Polanco - Blackstone  
Sarah Henderson  
Sasha Abby VanDerzee - Mendell  
Suleika Soto - Blackstone  
Betsy Yoshimura - Umana

1. Welcome, Check-in (~6:00-6:10)
  - a. Especially new reps!
2. Statement of Norms: (6:10-6:15)
3. Presentations
  - a. No presentations this month
4. Old Business: (~6:15-7:00pm)
  - a. By-Laws announcement and statement of elections
    - i. Representation out of balance
    - ii. Still Looking for Finance Co-Chair
    - iii. Explanation of CPC [Leadership Team Positions](#) and [organizational circle chart](#)
    - iv. You can read the CPC [Bylaws](#)

- v. You can join the CPC [Listserv](#) It is also linked on the front page of the CPC website (which everyone should also check from time to time): <http://www.citywideparentcouncil.org/>
  - b. Volunteering for Internal Working Groups - people can join the breakout rooms in a few minutes
  - c. Volunteering for [External Committee Representation](#)
  - d. Volunteering to connect with schools without a CPC rep
    - i. Thank you, Chris Martell!
    - ii. Send any updates to [citywideparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:citywideparentcouncil@gmail.com)
  - e. Preliminary Agenda Requests for full-body Supt meeting Dec. 7
    - i. <https://forms.gle/paJQBc8yUt5kbP3c6>
  - f. Announcement about P-EBT benefits and Staples card:
    - i. email [cpcpebt@gmail.com](mailto:cpcpebt@gmail.com) if you have questions
    - ii. Donating to Greater Boston Food Bank
  - g. Liaison reports:
    - i. External Committee Reports
      - 1. BSC Nominating Committee - Election soon, so accepting applications for candidates until Nov. 16
      - 2. Wellness Committee - starting to meet this week
      - 3. BuildBPS
      - 4. School Quality Workgroup: Next School Quality Workgroup 2 )SQWG II @ Tue Dec 1, 2020 5:30pm - 7pm - email Gloria if you want information about what it is usually like - Wenling Ma
    - ii. Internal Committee Reports
      - 1. Exec Committee
        - a. Review highlights from meeting with Supt Cassellius
      - 2. Diversity and Inclusion
        - a. Looping in from district- Office of Advancement?
      - 3. Communications
        - a. Sharing "Working Contacts" directory list with whole listserv? With only people who are listed on that document?
        - b. Mayor's Office of Food resources request for feedback and greater collaboration with Mayor's Office
5. New Business:
- a. Committee Breakout (~7:00-7:40pm)
  - b. Report Back from committees (~7:40-8:00pm)

- i. Communications/Recruitment/Diversity and Inclusion
  - 1. Chris Martell emailed all the BPS principals to let them know they need a CPC rep
  - 2. Possibility of having a running list of Speakers to keep reps interested and involved
  - 3. One challenge with recruiting immigrant parents is their fear of undocumented parents about being deported
  - 4. Virtual election training was really good
  - 5. How do we talk to people about the CPC for recruitment?
    - a. Have a one-pager!
  - 6. Julia Mejia held a hearing today on translation and interpretation
  - 7. A number of schools with substantial ELL and Sped populations don't have DELAC or SpedPac reps
    - a. Have joint CPC/DELAC meeting, or rep from DELAC to present
    - b. Language-specific ELACs - promoting them for ELL families
    - c. Sharing committee representation with SpedPac
  - 8. Remote learning:
    - a. A lot of gratitude and empathy for teachers
    - b. Concerns about teacher managing two different groups of kids on different platforms, with the hybrid having felt like the worst week of the school year so far
    - c. Desire for district to have designed the model around highest needs students
    - d. MAP testing, frustrating, seems to be being scrapped because it couldn't be finished, even over multiple days
    - e. Hard for parents to supervise every day
    - f. Parents trying to organize remote communication - Whatsapp groups for school and class; Zoom room for class to use outside of class hours, on Wednesdays
    - g. Kids hanging out on Google chat for socializing
- ii. Health and Wellness
  - 1. Discussion of current school environments, preparations

2. District announcement that every student was getting a health and wellness check at beginning of the year - Ann working on finding out who conducted it, what it looked like, how many students have been contacted, what they are doing for follow up; food concerns, housing concerns, who are they talking with in the household? Caretaker or student?
3. Screentime concerns; difference between schools - some schools doing better at doing activities that didn't require computer time than the other; BPS chromebooks don't seem to have any controls on them for what can be viewed - can't block youtube?
4. Mental health support? How is that being woven in by district and individual schools?
5. Concern about kids needing structure and incentive to be moving - parent community at a school has been looking into getting every kid a fitbit or similar device, talking with family about doing jumping jacks or stairs to incentivize moving more - Unicef version used in some BPS schools?
6. Suleika - interpretation; both interpreter and Spanish-language speaker were in the room but no separate channel for audio for interpretation → Gloria will check with Riann if it is possible for interpretation channels in a breakout room; maybe a workaround like having multiple zooms?
7. One other big topic discussed in Health and Wellness group is the lack of district-wide K-12 health education. Some schools get it, others do not, so very inequitable. There are only 6 or so health ed teachers in the entire district of 125 schools!
8. NSF doing air quality improvement study; would like to advocate that BPS try to participate

iii. BuildBPS

1. Steve recap: rumor that Cassellius is planning to bring HIPP students back into schools a week from Thursday
2. Ventilation concerns should have always been an issue!
3. Wondering about WREC and what is happening with it going forward?
4. My Way Cafe seems to still be ongoing

5. Many schools still have lead in their walls and have been told they have been grandfathered in so the district doesn't have to abate it
6. What is really important in building the schools?

→ Make sure interpretation channels get recorded next time