Citywide Parent Council Meeting Agenda NOTES
23 February 2021 6-8pm ZOOM

Prep Questions:
- What has your school been doing for Black Lives Matter week and/or Black History Month? Are there ways your school incorporates these themes throughout the year?

1. Welcome, Check-in, norms, agenda (6:00-6:20)
2. Old Business: (6:20-6:25pm)
   a. Approval of the minutes from Dec. and January.
   b. By-Laws announcement
      i. Representation out of balance: the seven leadership co-chairs don’t proportionally represent the district; we invite black and Hispanic leaders to participate. White members would be happy to facilitate transition and step down.
      ii. Elections will happen in March for some leadership positions.
   a. Looking forward to 2021-22 opening
   b. BPS + BTU “Reopening Task Force” with 7-10 subcommittees. Now adding family/student voice. Want 2+ parents on each subcommittee, nominated by parent orgs (e.g. CPC, DELAC, SPEDPAC). Proposed list of committees.
      i. Assessments
      ii. Curriculum
      iii. Grading
      iv. LMS/Digital Learning
      v. Intervention / MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support)
      vi. Out of School Time Intervention
      vii. Transformative SEL
      viii. Multilingual Learners
      ix. Special Education
   c. Superintendent is encouraging equitable and diverse parent representation. Interpretation will be available as necessary.
4. Committee reports: (6:35-7:14)
   a. External Committee Reports
      i. BSC Nominating Committee - Joanne
         1. Interviewed, 4 names (two black women, one Latina, one white male) passed on to the mayor.
ii. District Wellness Council - Ann
   1. The Wellness Council is health education, physical education, physical activity policy and advocacy, and now SEL. Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model.
   2. No update. Looking for support -- new volunteers -- in this work. Ann.Eldridge.Malone@gmail.com

iii. BuildBPS - Steve
   1. No update

iv. CEAC - Nicol
   1. No meeting since last report.

v. SQWG - Wenling
   1. ACCESS testing in lower grades. May 20? Not formalized
   2. School Accountability measure. MCAS is typical, but if that test doesn’t happen, there will be no new Turnaround schools.
   3. Currently two schools doing remote testing, but state says you need 95% participation in person. So MCAS is a question mark.

vi. HIPP Task Force - Nicol
   1. The work is complete.

vii. Volunteering for External Committee Representation - filling any additional seats: OAG, AWC/EFA Working Group

viii. AWC working group reps: 1 from AWC school, 1 from EFA school, both 4th grade parents

5. BPS Budget presentation - Miriam Rubin, Budget Director and Atheena Arasoo, budget coordinator (7:14- 8:04)
   a. Ms. Rubin made a presentation (excerpts from school committee budget hearings presentation, including translations bostonpublicschools.org/budget)
   b. The city has committed to increase FY22 school funding by 36M over the maintenance budget (part of a 3-year commitment).
   c. Federal funds (ESSER) $123M for FY22 and 23
   d. Build BPS $1,000M over 10 years.
   e. 20 new custodians, increased maintenance funding.
   f. Projecting 2000 student enrollment decline. Disproportionately black, Latinx, English learners. Fewer students coming into the system
g. $18.5M to schools with declining enrollment on top of existing “soft landings” and “Foundation for Quality”
h. Expanding social worker, family liaisons to every school.
i. Ms. Rubin noted that BPS has not funded social work supervision, but is aware of the need and is seeking a solution.
j. Next budget meeting: March 9.
k. Nathan Kuder (CFO) joined late. He spoke to a question about capital commitments to the Blackstone.
l. Christie requested a capital budget presentation. Mr. Kuder indicated that he would like to have more transparency, and may be ready for a presentation later in March. The city presents the overall capital budget in mid-April. He also indicated that federal funds may be used for facilities.
m. Mr. Kuder clarified that funding for the exam school test next year does appear in the new budget.

6. Tabled Business:
   a. Changing Name of CPC to “Citywide Family Council” or “Citywide Guardian Council” for inclusivity of non-parent guardians
   b. Big group discussion of current concerns about remote learning/reopening
   c. Internal Committee Reports
      i. Budget Analysis (Suleika)
      ii. Health and Wellness (Ashley/Ann) - any progress on organizing outward-facing info session?
      iii. Diversity and Inclusion (Joanne/Nicol) - progress contacting principals/SPC groups at schools where we don’t have active reps
      iv. Communications (Lissi/Aron) - Lissi Guerrero is the new chair and will be focusing on taking notes in Spanish and exploring new ways to connect better with Spanish-speaking families. Aron Boros will be handling the notes and English-language communications, along with the existing Communications Committee members
      v. TPS Support Committee (Betsy)
   d. MCAS Advocacy Discussion

7. Adjourned at 8:06
   a. There was a discussion after 8:06 about how CPC-nominated reps represent opinions in various external committees, work groups. The idea was reinforced that CPC reps should represent all parents, not a particular advocacy position.