

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.
3. Office of Advancement (Nathalie Louis and Paul Tritter) (6:25-6:35)
 - 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
 - 1. Prince Charles Alexander, Neathery Brenzel (Mission Hill School) volunteered. Decision tabled.
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.