

Graham and Parks Alternative Public School
a pre-kindergarten through 5th grade
Cambridge, MA public school

School Council

Agenda for Thursday March 23rd
7:00 – 8:00 pm via zoom

School Council Meeting Norms

- **Be punctual & prepared**
- **Be mindful of air time**
- **Avoid side bar conversations**
- **Assume positive intentions**

1. Meeting Convened 7:00pm
2. Introductions, Greetings, Review of Prior Minutes 7:00 - 7:05 pm
3. Principal's Report 7:05 - 7:15 pm
 - a. Staffing & Professional development updates
 - b. Facilities updates
 - c. Health policy updates

Goal: Keep the School Council informed of school happenings and areas of focus.

Outcome: This is an update.

4. Family Engagement Update 7:15 - 7:20 pm
 - a. Playground Issues
 - b. Spring Conferences
 - c. Summer Programs

Goal: Keep the School Council informed of family engagement efforts.

Outcome: Ensure procedures are in place to continue and expand on these efforts.

5. Reflection on 3 year anniversary of school closure: 7:20 - 7:50 pm

The news of the Coronavirus spread in March 2020 reached this School Council meeting in the form of an alert: Cambridge Schools would be shut for two weeks. 3 years later we are convening to recognize what it meant to go through that experience together and separately, how it impacted all of us - students, parents, and professionals.

- a. What do you remember?
- b. How did you cope with the challenge and stress?
- c. Of all the ways we were impacted by the pandemic, what were you surprised by the most?
- d. How do you respond now when you perceive conditions are changing?
- e. What do you (or can you) do now to take care of yourself, your family, and our community?

6. New business & community feedback 7:50 - 8:00 pm
7. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

2022-2023 Graham & Parks School Council Members

Administrative Appointees: Dr. Kathleen Smith – Principal; Lauren Morse – Family Liaison; Jodi Rich – Community Representative

Educator and staff representatives: Debra Gadsen – Co-Chair, Melissa Mihos, Kaitlin Baumann, Stefanie Gardner

Family and caregiver representatives: Christian Henry – Co-Chair, Shawdee Eshghi - Secretary, Vivian Colon Pales – Hiring Committee, Jessica Britton, Khalid Iqbal