

Graham and Parks School

Cambridge Public Schools JK-5

Steering Committee

12 May 2022

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Steering Committee Meeting Norms

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

Committee members in attendance:

Administrative Appointees:

Claudie Jean-Baptiste - Interim Principal

Lauren Morse - Family Liaison

Teacher Representatives:

Karima Cherguaoui - Co-Chair

Erin Garcia

Katie Lynch

Melissa Mihos

Mary Gallagher

Parent Representatives ([bios here](#)):

Kris Dickson - Co-Chair

Shawdee Eshghi - Secretary

Christian Henry

Vivian Pales - Hiring Committee Rep

Jessica Britton

Attendees

Meeting Convened, Introductions & Greetings | 7:00 pm

Principal's Update

Steering committee changes

- district want elections for family members and staff to happen in May
- this time table might leave out SEI families that join in the fall
- we will have election in Sept 22 as usual and an additional election in May 23 to get on the cycle with other schools
- how to maintain representation?
 - maybe hold a spot for an SEI representative and have them join in September?
- Lauren shared a document that lays out the new membership guidelines - some small changes from what we already do now
 - for example, principal should be co-chair with a parent - this is a state requirement
 - currently, in practice, meetings are planned with not just parent co chair and teacher co-chair, but also principal and one other person
 - some flexibility - maybe rotating facilitator or collaborative agenda setting?
- School Council handbook - goal is to help councils to be more intentional about being a mechanism for equity
- Should we change the name? Other schools call it "School Council"
 - Officially changed to School Council!

Lauren

- next week at arrival and dismissal there will be a stand outside the school with free books!

Update on Principal's Search

- references are being checked
- Assistant Principal position has been posted - interviews will start once Principal position is finalized

5th grade end of year celebration

- traditions are coming back
- Portfolios - student present 2 pieces of work demonstrating their growth
 - parents and community members sit on committee
 - June 13 and June 14
 - invitations will be going out soon
- not doing the overnight this year so there is excess money
- they will use it to make their newspaper - it's \$700 vs in the past years it was \$500
- they are making a yearbook - parent donated copying
- moving on breakfast - in the past it has been catered
- they would also like to purchase flowers to give to students
- They do a walk to Fresh Pond and want to do something fun - pizza, ice cream truck or cookies
- Beach trip!