

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

School Council

Agenda for 27 October 2022

7:00 – 8:00 pm via zoom

School Council Meeting Norms

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

Council members in attendance:

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

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| 1. Meeting Convened | 7:00pm |
| 2. Introductions, Greetings | 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.

Notes

Staffing updates

- building sub has been hired - Yoochee Joo (sp) - previously after school teacher and art teachers at CRLS - now supporting JK/K
- new lunchroom aide has been hired
- has not started yet
- Grade 4 aide position has been offered
- Facilities updates
- working on improving cleanliness and cleaning out storage spaces for staff usage
- working on getting ramp on Avon St
- still out to bid Health policy updates
- still doing single grade lunch in the cafeteria

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| 4. Family Engagement Update | 7:15 - 7:20 pm |
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Goal: Keep the School Council informed of family engagement efforts.

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

Notes

- First free food market in 3 years had a great turnout from the school as well as the community
- Next market on Nov 29
- Always need more volunteers - different time slots available
- Open to all!!

- *Parent Square - doesn't support all of the same languages as Aspen, so there will be individual meetings available*
- *Next principal's coffee on Nov 29 in the library*

5. School Improvement Plan 7:20 - 7:50 pm
 - a. Process: How was the current plan developed?
 - b. Outputs: What did we learn through developing the plan? - Theory of Action
 - c. What does it look like in our school: How will data and conversation inform priorities?

Notes

Link to slides

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