

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

School Council

Agenda for April 27, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 pm in person

School Council Meeting Norms

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

1. Meeting Convened 6:15pm
 2. Introductions, Greetings, Review of Prior Minutes 6:15 - 6:20 pm
 3. Principal's Report 6:20 - 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. School Update: New Math Curriculum 7:15 - 7:50 pm
 5. New business & community feedback 7:50 - 8:00 pm
 6. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Professional Development updates

- at least 9 hours of professional development before the start of the year, including a full day
 - combination of end of school year days and paid summer days
- Small team of teachers who will attend DataWise workshop at Harvard in June

No staffing updates

No facilities updates - still waiting to find out what improvements will happen over the summer.

Will have an update next month

Activities will be around continued asbestos removal

No health policy updates

New math curriculum

- It's called Illustrative Math
- Draws on research by Zaretta Hammond - Culturally Responsive Learning and The Brain
- Comprehensive K-12
- Already being taught at upper schools and high school
- SF Math was not the curriculum prior to the pandemic

How to let families know?

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

Other business discussions

- Role of Friends of G&P
- Role of room parents - used to be very active pre-COVID but some teachers see confusion or apprehension