

## **Putnam Ave. Upper School**

May 3, 2023

School Council Q&A

### **Q: The recently proposed budget included a reduction in coaches and interventionists? How will this impact Putnam Ave?**

A: We are not expecting changes in our coaching & intervention staff for the upcoming school year.

### **Q: What is the status of the French teacher?**

A: Putnam Ave. and the district's World Language Department have interviewed several candidates. Students were a part of the process, participating in demo lessons and providing feedback. We have hired a teacher who will be starting in the Fall. Currently, students are working with our substitute teacher and are using Duolingo. This is in conjunction with the language department, and the teacher meets with the team weekly for guidance and updates.

### **Q: Can the school get a sense of what type of outside speaker / resources families are in need of? What topics could we support?**

We discussed partnering with the new PAFA Chair and School Council board to support their endeavors in workshops like: cell phone/social media impact on teens and youth, mental health and teens, how to raise a middle schooler, etc., as well as plan for other speakers and funding opportunities in the future.

### **Q: How can the school better engage/use PAFA resources & get more family involvement?**

School leadership & family liaison will continue dialogue with PAFA and School Council advisory board to partner together to strengthen family engagement and provide more opportunities to connect and learn for caregivers and students.

### **Q: Where do the updates go? It would be helpful to have them go directly to families.**

A: All School Council meeting presentations are now available on the cps school council page, linked here: [https://putnamavenue.cpsd.us/about\\_our\\_school/school\\_council](https://putnamavenue.cpsd.us/about_our_school/school_council) We will look into adding grade level updates to the following week's take home email.

### **Q: When will we receive the results of ELA MCAS?**

A: Caregivers receive all MCAS scores via a letter that is sent from DESE to the district, then to families. These letters typically are sent out in October, which is well after the student moves on from that grade level.