



Putnam Avenue Upper School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Nov 20, 2024

Meeting Details	
Date of Meeting:	11/20/2024
Time:	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Zoom Link:	https://cpsd-us.zoom.us/j/99471127486?pwd=8tFCRnBQaKfelqQhsYQ7Sq5RQ1BTIR.1 Meeting ID: 994 7112 7486 Passcode: 178772
Committee Members:	4 - Jodi Ekelchik, Jennifer Elisa Betancourt, Sweta Joshi, Rozelle McBarnette Absent: Betsy Vizcaino 3 - Dr. Phanenca Babio-James, Kunjal Shah (ex-officio), Olf Mouyaka, Hsiu Fei Hsu Absent: Xavier Pierre-Jerome
Other Participants:	5 - Caregivers, staff & community members in attendance

Agenda Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcome● Accept Draft Meeting Minutes● Reflection● Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ MCAS Data + School Improvement Plan○ Report on the School Culture Survey○ PAUS Highlights and further updates <p>It was noted that the Family Engagement roundtable will be held at the next School Council meeting.</p>

- **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM via Zoom:

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MEETING NOTES:

- **Nov. 20, 2024 Presentation:** [Nov. 20 Slideshow Presentation](#)
- Dr. Babio-James welcomed all attendees to the School Council meeting.
- The Minutes from the October 2024 meeting were submitted for approval, and there were no objections.
- A presentation was provided, which shared an overview of the PAUS MCAS data and connection with the [School Improvement Plan](#). Discussion followed on the slides presented. It was noted that the District has recently adopted a new ELA and Math curriculum.
- A report was given about the **School Culture & Climate DESSA Mini-Screener**, which is a self assessment survey taken by all PAUS students focused on social-emotional wellness. Reference the slide deck about the eight domains of student social-emotional wellness and more information about the screener. A question was asked about SEL and how that is introduced into the Advisory curriculum? Currently, SEL is focused at least 4 days a week in Advisory, focused on SEL skills. It was noted that this is the first full year that this has been introduced across the District.
- A report was provided on PAUS Attendance which is trending upward towards improvement compared to the District. Reference the slide deck for successes and areas of focus and for the team to build on.
- An update on highlights from PAUS were provided, including the fact that the boy's cross country team won their race earlier in the month! And, it was noted that the Ropes Course has returned to PAUS! Reference further details in the slide deck.
- An update was provided by PAFA, 18 caregivers in attendance to talk about Middle School Math and how parents can support their students. Next PAFA meeting: December 10. Zoom
- Meeting ended at 7:10pm.

Other Topics for consideration at the next School Council meeting:

- Family Engagement roundtable

Action Plan (if needed):		
Action	Assigned To	Due Date
NEXT School Council meeting	PAUS	December 18, 2024
Other School Council Meeting Dates		1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/20, 5/28, 6/18
Monitor SIP Spending / Review	School Council	March Meeting 3/26

GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Putnam Ave. Website about the School Council: [link here](#) (meeting agenda and notes posted here)