



Putnam Avenue Upper School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - March 26, 2025

Meeting Details	
Date of Meeting:	03/26/2025
Time:	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Committee Members:	3 - Jodi Ekelchik, Betsy Vizcaino, Sweta Joshi 4 - Dr. Phanenca Babio-James, Kunjal Shah (ex-officio), Xavier Pierre-Jerome, Olf Mouyaka Apologies: Rozelle McBarnette, Jennifer Elisa Betancourt, Hsiu Fei Hsu
Other Participants:	9

Agenda Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome & ReflectionApproval of Meeting MinutesReview of budgetReview of MCAS dataUpdates & Reminders,Closing & Next Steps/Any Other Business● Next Meeting: Wednesday, 30 April , 2025 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM via Zoom: Remainder of meetings: 5/28, 6/18.

MEETING NOTES:

- SC Presentation: [March SC Presentation](#)
- Dr. Babio-James welcomed all attendees to the School Council meeting;
- The Minutes from the School Council meeting were posted online in the wrong year, in error. As they are not yet public, it was proposed to move their approval until the April meeting. There were no objections to this proposal.
- **Review of iReady and MCAS results.** Reference the slidedeck, which includes information from the iReady assessment and improvements over the past three years, growth data, growth over the past 4 years, and the steps taken to support learners (interventionist and coaches). Discussion and questions followed, and it was noted that the School Council is willing to advocate to the District on behalf of PAUS as needed. At this time, the CPS budget had not been finalized (this is planned in April).
- **Review of the SIP budget submitted to the District.** The SIP budget total was presented (see slide deck, from page 19), and discussion followed around areas of spending for this budget.
- **PAUS Updates and Highlights** - reference the slidedeck (**from page 30**). Updates included: Shout out to the Boys basketball team, who won the City championship, and the Girls basketball team who went to the finals, though came up short in that game. 7th graders are heading to the Harvard for Project Teach program in April, and 6th graders are heading to the War Memorial for swimming. The 8th grade transition to CRLS event was held, and 8th graders have now selected their CRLS classes. MCAS exams are upcoming in April and May, reference the weekly update. Teacher Appreciation luncheon will be held the first week of May, School dance is planned for **May 30** and School Concert is **May 22**. It is anticipated that the PAUS Year Book will be available the second week of June. Additional field trips are planned in June, along with the PAUS Carnival.
- **Any Other Business:** it was noted that Jennifer and Jodi will step down as Co-Chair and Recording Secretary after the April meeting to allow them to focus on the transition to CRLS, and will remain on the Council to support parents/caregivers and the transition to new leadership following the School Council elections in May.

The meeting ended at 7:00pm.

Action Plan (if needed):

Action	Assigned To	Due Date
NEXT School Council meeting	PAUS	April 26, 2025
Other School Council Meeting Dates		5/28, 6/18
Monitor SIP Spending / Review	School Council	A preliminary review was shared at the Jan 2025 meeting.

		Discussions will continue at the Feb (cancelled) and March School Council Meeting
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GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIALS:

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