



## Putnam Avenue Upper School

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Jan. 22, 2025

Meeting Details	
Date of Meeting:	01/22/2025
Time:	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Committee Members:	4 - Jodi Ekelchik, Jennifer Elisa Betancourt, Betsy Vizcaino, Sweta Joshi, Rozelle McBarnette  5 - Dr. Phanenca Babio-James, Kunjal Shah (ex-officio), Hsiu Fei Hsu, Xavier Pierre-Jerome, Olf Mouyaka
Other Participants:	1

Agenda Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Agenda</b> Welcome &amp; Reflection Approval of Meeting Minutes Review of budget and iReady feedback (preliminary) Updates &amp; Reminders, Closing &amp; Next Steps</li><li>● <b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM via <a href="#">Zoom</a>: Meeting ID: 994 7112 7486. Passcode: 178772</li></ul>

## MEETING NOTES:

- SC Presentation: [January 22, 2025 Slideshow](#)
- Dr. Babio-James welcomed all attendees to the School Council meeting;
- As shared in the slide deck, there was a review of the Norms and Community Agreements for our School Council.
- A moment of reflection was put forward, and as a followup to our discussions on family engagement during our last few School Council meetings. It was noted that discussions around “family engagement” continue, the following was shared with attendees: *Families and teachers commit to their roles as partners in guiding students through middle school and into high school, fostering a supportive culture of belonging and achievement.*

Discussion followed, and additional comments shared. These included the reminder that it takes a village, all have a role to play, to ensure that we support social and emotional learning, this is partnership based and that we do this important work to ensure that all students can reach their potential. A question was raised that sometimes, parents/caregivers are not able to attend a meeting or an event, and that our school can do more to reach out to everyone. It was also noted that some educators and staff wear many hats, and we can do a better job at sharing these roles each year with incoming - and current - families.

- The Minutes from the School Council meeting in December 2024 were submitted for approval, and there were no objections. The minutes were approved.
- **PAUS Preliminary Information / Budget and iReady results.** Dr Babio presented the preliminary budget, which is referenced in the slidedeck. The PAUS budget will be submitted in Feb, and we will return to this discussion at the School Council meeting in Feb. Some discussion and questions followed.
- **iReady Mid Year (winter) preliminary review of data** was presented at an aggregate level. Further breakdown will be available at the February School Council meeting.
- **PAUS Updates and Highlights** - the slidedeck includes more detail, including math support for 7th graders, PAUS The Spongebob Musical (Jan 30 and 31, 7pm), and the Story of Self planned for all families and community members (Feb 6, 9:15-11). Congratulations to 8th grade Social Studies teacher who won an Equity grant to host the PAUS Students Affinity Group. The next PAFA meeting on Jan 28 will host guest speaker Dan Monahan (Cambridge Education Association union). It was also noted that the PAFA fundraiser is on track, and that the Student Government Cookies and Cocoa fundraiser was a success!
- An overview was provided about PAUS Staff Professional Development, and examples were provided. Reference a list within the slide deck.

The meeting ended at 7:10pm.

<b>Action Plan (if needed):</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
NEXT School Council meeting  Other School Council Meeting Dates	PAUS	<b>February 26, 2025</b>  3/26, 4/20, 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 and March School Council Meeting

**GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

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