



Putnam Avenue Upper School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - May 28, 2025

Meeting Details	
Date of Meeting:	05/28/2025
Time:	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Committee Members:	<p>4 - Jodi Ekelchik, Sweta Joshi, Jennifer Elisa Betancourt, Rozelle McBarnette</p> <p>3 - Dr. Phanenca Babio-James, Hsiu Fei Hsu, Kunjal Shah (ex-officio), Xavier Pierre-Jerome</p> <p>Apologies: Betsy Vizcaino, Olf Mouyaka</p>
Other Participants:	5

Agenda Details
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Welcome & Community Norms (5 minutes)2) Connection3) Approval of April Meeting Minutes (2 minutes). Review and vote to approve4) Updates: Staffing, PD, SIP Budget, Highlights and Programming (35 minutes)5) PAFA Elections and Update (15 min)6) Reminders7) Open Discussion8) Closing and Next Steps: June 18th in-person finale <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, In-Person @ Putnam Ave. Upper School, 100 Putnam Ave. Cambridge MA, 02139

MEETING NOTES:

- **SC Presentation:** [May 28 2025 SC Slideshow](#)
- Dr. Babio-James welcomed all attendees to the School Council meeting and launched introductions.
- A brainstorming session kicked off focused on the topic: what's one word that describes how you're feeling right now, or what you are most looking forward to this Summer?
- The Minutes from the School Council meetings for April were approved.
- **PAUS leadership provided an update on Staff Professional Development** in School (reference summary in the slide deck).
- **An update was provided on Staffing changes for SY 2025-26** (see slide deck). CPSD is discussing Title 1 Interventionist role that will be supportive across the District.
- PAUS leadership provided an update on the **FY26 School Improvement Plan goals and major focus areas** (see slide deck). It was noted that the General Allocation Fund will fluctuate, based on increased student #s at MLK from K-Lo (and who will eventually feed into PAUS).
- **PAUS Leadership provided an update on upcoming events, including the School Council and PAFA Election.** Reference the slide deck. School updates were provided about the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, School Dance, Spring Cambridge Classic 5K, the State Science Fair, Flawway and the Civics Project Visit to the State House.
- **Superintendent Search** - an update was provided on the CPSD search, and the June 2 CPSD listening forum to be held at PAUS (1 of 4 community forums).
- **End of Year activities and Summer programs** - updates included Summer Math and Reading preview, Summer Scholars Program, Summer Bridge to Algebra program (reference the slide deck). Also reference the Slide on Dates and Reminders.
- **Any Other Business and Next Steps:** some discussion and Q&A followed. A question was asked about whether PAUS was in a position to use all funds from the SIP budget, and it was noted that PAUS is on track to use these funds.
- The next meeting is scheduled for **June 18 (in-person)**.
Food/Refreshments will be provided..

The meeting ended at 6:50pm.

Action Plan (if needed):		
Action	Assigned To	Due Date
NEXT School Council meeting Other School Council Meeting Dates	PAUS	June 18
Monitor SIP Spending / Review	School Council	<p>A preliminary review was shared at the Jan 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Discussions will continue at the Feb (cancelled) and March School Council Meeting. As of April, but CPS budget was awaiting final approval.</p>

GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIALS:

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