

Maria L. Baldwin School Council

 *Approved by Heidi Cook*

85 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

October 16, 2025

Baldwin School Council Minutes

7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

In-Person Meeting

School Council Members in Attendance

Parent Members: Caitlin Dube, Jackie Hayes, Matt Meyersohn, Jen Nigro, Chunying Yue

School Staff and Community Members: Heidi Cook, Ben Geiger, Elena Haro, Karin Kugel, Sara Oliveira, Susan Tiersch

Absent: Eugenia Schraa Huh, Corianne LaBounty, Andrew Verardo, Ben Geiger

Also in attendance: Margot Iverson, Anna Shin, Ouleye Warnock, Korleen Cosgrove (Ms. Heidi's fall principal intern)

Agenda

School Improvement Plan SY 2025-2027

Public Comment

Gratitude

Thank you to Chunying for initiating a group of school council members to be present at school events to give the School Council a presence in the community and help explain the School Improvement Plan.

Housekeeping/Action Steps

- School Council Meeting minutes will be reviewed by Heidi and Chunying before posted to the Baldwin Brief and the School Council website.

Public Comment

Anything we should know about?

Concern that the vegetarian options on the school lunch menu are not always available. Advertised options are sometimes missing. Also concerned about running out of options during the older grades lunch period.

School Improvement Plan SY 2025-2027

[The School Improvement Plan \(SIP\)](#) is built on what is happening at a district level. The school's goals are aligned with the district goals.

ELA and Math are two of the key goals. We have high achievement overall, however, we need to focus on students who are having less success. We need to continue to improve growth for targeted students including black students and multilingual learners. This will include supporting teachers with small group

instruction during W.I.N blocks as well as additional professional development for teachers in the new curriculum. MCAS scores are used, however, it takes time to get those scores back. iReady gives results almost immediately and is a good measure. iReady scores are showing growth meaning our tier 1 classroom instruction and interventions are helping. Students on IEP's made incredible growth last school year.

Our school has 40+ more students this year due to adding a 3rd fourth grade classroom and lifting the caps on the grades below.

As a school, a focus is to ensure multilingual families understand the goals. In late September, Maeve Whitty, our ELL teacher, had two sessions for families to come in and learn math games. It was very well attended. This is a start.

One of the goals of the school council is to help families understand the point of the SIP and solicit ideas on how our parent/caregiver community thinks some of the funds would be meaningfully spent to help attain the goals. School council members who attend meetings, listen to information about the SIP, think it is a lot to digest. Suggestion for a condensed, clear and concise version of the SIP that can be made available at school events and translated. Then create a Google feedback form to collect suggestions. Jackie and Matt will work on a one-page to help make the SIP more understandable.

Documents:

Baldwin Full SIP Plan SY2025-2027

 BALDWIN SIP SY25/27

Baldwin SIP Overview SY2025-2027

 BALDWIN SIP SY25_27.pdf

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2025

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Baldwin School Library

School council meetings follow the open meeting law. Meetings are open to all.

Students are always welcome to come to the library and may go to the cafeteria for breakfast at 8:00 or they may stay in the library until the bell rings at 8:30.

Parents are welcome to come when they can, leave when they wish.

School Council Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

December 18 - evening virtual meeting

January 15 - 7:30 a.m.

February 26 - 7:30 a.m.

March 19 - evening virtual meeting

April 16 - 7:30 a.m.

May 14 - 7:30 a.m.

June 17 - evening virtual meeting