

Baldwin School Council Meeting Notes

May 31, 2023

Agenda: Introducing School Council Members and Glows & Grows

Introducing Our School Council Members

For the past few years, we've had informal school council meetings. We've had a parent co-chair, but we've haven't formal members. The district created a [School Council Handbook](#) that was approved by the School Committee in April of this year. School Councils are re designated parent and staff members to be on the council. Our council members that will represent us through next school year:

Parent Representatives:

Caitlin Dube (Co-Chair)

Kate Flaim

Matt Meyersohn

Eugenia Schraa

Chuying Yue

Staff Representatives:

Heidi Cook (Co-Chair)

Caitlin Green, Special Educator grades 4&5

Corianne LaBounty, JK Teacher

Sara Oliveira, K Paraprofessional

Susan Tiersch, Family Liaison

Hopes for School Council - Why are you here?

- Excited to have a core group of members, parents and staff, willing to work together as a group to get things done.
- We have a strong school/community partnership and are excited to continue to strengthen it.
- Looking forward to getting suggestions from the community to bring the best to Baldwin.
- Being as helpful as possible to the amazing teachers.

Glows - What's working well at Baldwin? How can we build on those things?

- It's my first year at Baldwin and I have never had a moment of doubt. The teacher notices my child's needs.
- I feel very fortunate to have my child at this school. The teachers are very positive.
- In addition to the amazing teachers my children have had, I see first hand that a collaborative administration makes a huge difference and I really appreciate that.
- Through COVID and beyond, I appreciate the communication.
- My child loves school and is so happy. I appreciate the teachers for helping with that.
- We've experienced growth within our staff, collaborating, making sure that the students are **all** our kids which feels really great.

- Our parent community is incredible, they are always there to support the teachers and staff. In big ways, like getting Covid vaccine appointments, and in all the small ways. Faculty feels supported by families.
- It is very intentional that the things we are doing that's what's right for kids.

Grows -What could work better for students? What are potential next steps?

- Email is over. How to get classroom parents connected not using email?
- Cambridge demographics have changed and Baldwin has no large low income housing zoned as proximity to Baldwin. Seen a shift in our school racial and socioeconomic diversity. How can we influence change to the district controlled choice policy to get our school to better reflect the city as a whole.
- We have some room parents that go above and beyond. How do we make sure all classrooms are getting an excellent room parent experience?
- Is there a place for teachers and parents to collaborate in our post-Covid world, healing together?

Next school council meeting: *June 21*

8:00 a.m.

Baldwin Library

Agenda: Review of the School Council Handbook, Discuss norms, discuss meeting schedule for 23-24

All are welcome!