

Graham and Parks School

Cambridge Public Schools JK-5

Steering Committee

10 February 2022

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Steering Committee Meeting Norms

- Be punctual & prepared
- Avoid side bar conversations
- Be mindful of air time
- Assume positive intentions

Committee members in attendance:

Administrative Appointees:

Claudie Jean-Baptiste - Interim Principal
Jennifer Lavalle - Interim Assistant Principal
Lauren Morse - Family Liaison

Teacher Representatives:

Karima Cherguaoui - Co-Chair
Erin Garcia
Katie Lynch
Melissa Mihos
Mary Gallagher

Parent Representatives ([bios here](#)):

Kris Dickson - Co-Chair
Shawdee Eshghi - Secretary
Christian Henry
Vivian Pales - Hiring Committee Rep
Jessica Britton

Fred Fantini
Jessica
Jodi Rich
Karima
Amber Fisher
Anna Helmers
Christian
Claudie
David Weinstein
Ela- Ben-ur
Erin Garcia
jess Goetz
Jessica
Kris Dickinson
Mary Gallagher
Melissa Mihos
Mildred Gedeon

Attendees

Shawdee
Lauren
Jen Lavalle

Meeting Convened, Introductions & Greetings | 7:01 pm

1. Principal's Update

- just hired a former G&P parent as a para for the month of February
- there is a new para 3 days a week
- there is a new gym teacher
- 4th graders will go swimming every Wednesday until April 13
- Friday Feb 18 is hat day!
- Amber and Lois are members of equity team meeting tomorrow morning
- Principal's search will start in March

- earlier search committees had family members as well as staff members from around the school, relatively big committee
 - process involved interviews as well as site visits
 - there is a district protocol regarding this process but the school decides who is on the committee (not confirmed)
 - Cheryl DiPasquale school admin is also leaving at the end of the year
 - Some discussion around process of search as well as criteria for selection of new principal
 - Claudie's retirement has not been announced widely as she is waiting for the timing and process to be clarified
 - Jen is also interim assistant principal so that position cannot be finalized until the principal role is filled
 - Principal also hires the school clerk
 - **Please contact Lauren or Christian if interested in joining a sub-committee to coordinate G&P community preparation for search** (different than actually serving on the search committee)
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2. COVID updates
- rapid tests going home Wednesday next week to be taken Sunday mid day on the last day of February vacation
 - starting Feb 28 test and stay program is ending
 - Pooled testing continues
 - Additional rapid tests to go home every other week if you opt in
 - RE Masks - nothing is changing until March 7 at the earliest
3. Padlet brainstorming activity