

# Graham and Parks School

Cambridge Public Schools JK-5

## Steering Committee

14 January 2021

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:

Tony Byers - Principal  
Claudie Jean-Baptiste - Assistant Principal  
Lauren Morse - Family Liaison  
Jodi Rich - Community Representative

#### Teacher Representatives:

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

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

Kris Dickson - Co-Chair  
Christian Henry - Secretary  
Shaundraya Elder  
Jessica Britton - Hiring Committee  
Representative

#### Other Attendees:

Mildrid Gedeon  
Jackie Kehoe  
Pete Mellor  
Sharon Mombro  
Laura Broach - reading teacher  
Robin Chen  
Maia McAleavey  
Arrin Katz  
Amber Fisher  
Aria Belle  
Alice Andrea  
Miranda Pearce

#### Not in attendance:

Xing Tian

Meeting Convened | 7:09 pm

1. Introductions | 7:10 pm
2. Principal's Report | 7:14 pm
  - a. *Staffing/Professional Development Updates*

Efforts to bring 4th and 5th grade students back into the building in the next month or so for the first time since March 2020 has required soliciting input from families to see which students will elect to come to in-person learning, which will govern the learning model, and will represent a comprehensive revision to the staffing models.

#### *b. Facilities Update*

Small adjustments to the building as more students come into the building, including some plumbing and ventilation improvements.

#### *c. In-person & remote learning update*

Students who were eligible to return to in-person learning did so this week (Monday 11 January, 2021). Among the priorities for planning the upcoming shift to add 4th and 5th grade students to the building are managing risk and properly implementing safety protocols including a small number of ventilation and plumbing items, honoring the ranking

of student eligibility for in-person learning, family preferences, teacher preferences, and generally creating the conditions so everyone can focus on performing their best without distractions.

3. Cambridge School Committee Updates | 7:35pm

The return of more students to school buildings, and the impact on staffing and delivery models for remote learning, dominated the district's discussions.

4. Family Engagement Update | 7:49pm

There are efforts to reach the 77 families who have not yet responded to the survey around returning 4th and 5th graders to the building, especially those who don't prefer email contact.

G&P's anti-racism work continues. Family & Staff Anti-Racist Discussion Group has had 2 sessions so far on the 1st Thursday of each month to discuss Ibram Kendi's book [How to Be An Antiracist](#). All Graham & Parks family and staff are welcome.

Join in the Martin Luther King Jr. events sponsored by the city on Monday!

Meeting Adjourned 7:54 pm

This meeting is an open public meeting. Please join us at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, exclusively by zoom until further notice.