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1. Discuss Protocols - 20 mins (Pam)

- Report out from the subcommittee meeting, discuss, and vote

Talk at district level to compensate parent members of the SC, as well as teachers (but only compensate teachers if SC meets outside of school hours).

Will all future SC meetings be remote?

There might be a return to remote, but we will want to keep a remote option.

Link to [DRAFT protocol](#) for Peabody School Council

Goal is to make these protocols available to everybody and easy to find and access, and translate them.

Suggestion for less idiomatic English (e.g., “open the floor”) to be more easy to understand for non-native English speakers.

The district has a work group that is making a district wide handbook for School Councils.

Note that breakout rooms will be more challenging if we have a mix of remote and in-person participants.

Regarding chat, encourage people to ask the question so there isn't a side conversation going on in the chat.

2. Status of the 2nd grade teacher hiring

Has a committee been formed yet, is there parent involvement?

There is a committee formed (reviewing over 100 applications)

Committee to be composed of Nadia J, Bobby T, a teacher, a coach, and a parent recommended. Interviews will be the week of June 7th.

3. Discuss the way that next-year classroom assignments are communicated, and suggest that it possibly not go home in the last day of school envelope

Parent feedback: This can be really hard on children causing tears on the playground after school, particularly this year.

School: People are on the fence about it. It is tricky (1) kids' disappointments about who/who isn't in their class (2) some really want to continue the tradition.

Need more discussions about it. Mr. Tynes doesn't feel comfortable making this decision as a new principal is coming on board. We should discuss this in the next meeting. We have some time.

SC voted to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Suggestion to poll parents/caregivers along with teachers/staff.

4. Find out if Peabody will be doing any end of the year celebrations

- 5th grade moving up ceremony (virtual; 5th grade teachers part of planning) June 21st
- Kindergarten graduation - students who are remote will come in and get certificates (photo montage with Bye Bye Butterfly) - June 22nd
- 6pm May 27 is Kindergarten open house
- Afternoon June 16 - summer book reading giveaway, invite remote students to pick up books and have a mixer with in-person students (split K-2 and grades 3-5); tables for caregiver organizations
- Spring Social (virtual for new parents to the Peabody) -- just waiting for a date from Nicole, but would be similar with breakout rooms, one per caregiver organizations or meet the principal

- Celebration for teachers retiring or teachers who were here for just one year

We still have to follow the guidelines around COVID set out by the state and district. Can't have food or large gatherings

5. Both music teachers are away next year. What is happening w/the music program?

Ms. Bach has been on the hiring committee and wants to make sure the kids have a good experience while she is away. She is coming back. Mr. DeWitte is coming back, too. Had great candidates for both positions.

7. Announcements/News from other School Groups - 10 mins

- Suggested agenda items for final meeting: June 2, 7- 8:30pm

NOTE: Date for next meeting has since changed to 7:30am on June 17

8. Meeting Feedback: - 10 mins

- Pluses/Deltas
- Other suggestions

Agenda items the School Council decided to move to next school council meeting or later

1. Discuss Norms - 20 mins (Nicole was to lead this, but she could not make this meeting.)
 - a. Create norms as a group
2. Discuss how to share information about major cultural/religious events pertinent to the community. Education about observances. - 10 mins -- wait until the new principal comes in?
3. SKIP Update on Principal Search (Tina) -- there is no update beyond what people heard at the candidate forums this week
NOTE: New Peabody principal starting July 1st has since been announced to be Mr. Abdel Sepulveda
4. CONTINUE: Discuss the way that next-year classroom assignments are communicated, and suggest that it possibly not go home in the last day of school envelope
5. Discussion of Recording Meetings - 10 mins -- need to get clarification from the district on if we need to record meetings
 - a. Share requirements of the Open Meeting Law
 - b. Discuss whether or not we as a council want to record
6. Update on District-Wide School Council Working Group (Pam) - 5 mins
7. Come up with a date for the first School Council meeting of the next school year.