

Baldwin School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Attendees: Kate Flain, Lawrence Neeley, Michelle Morpew, Katie Deane, Liz Taylor, Nina Farouk, Allison Li

School Staff: Heidi Cook, Susan Tiersch

Agenda: To review the purpose and scope of School Council using selected pieces of the [Massachusetts State Guidelines](#) and the district's newly released [School Council Handbook](#). To discuss the election process required as well as next steps.

Introductions

Basic School Council Information

- What do you notice?
- What do you wonder?

Review of the handbook of SC responsibilities

Aligning school councils around state mandates of school councils. Push from district level is to help principals with the guidelines.

Set aside by law that schools have an elected body.

Shining a light on something that is 'under' understood.

Looking for a more representative parent voice.

Here, there is a high sense of trust in our leadership and our educational staff.

- membership - to make sure it is representative of all families
- ensure the views and voices of that population are heard
- solicit and identify to ensure that diversity is representative
- identify the work of what needs to be done

Our meetings have always been a time for inviting ideas - time for raising new issues or business for a future agenda. This will still be part of school council meetings.

Would include 4 - 6 staff : caregivers

co-chairs - principal and parent (LN now)

that is more representative of our community

Next meeting 11/17/21, 6:30 - 8:00

What are the hopes, dreams and experiences for excursions and experience beyond the classroom at Baldwin?

Aysha, principal intern, is working on a design process to take on all stakeholder voices for this project. Would love to hear from our parents.

This is a good time since our spring trips need reimagining since CCSC has closed.

Parents are welcome to join when they can and lend their thoughts on this issue.