

Healey School Site Council

Agenda

Date: November 28, 2018

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Facilitators: Jenna Cramer

Members Present: Kim Schmidt, Kim Best, Danielle Ray, Allison Bougas, Sam Patton, Heidi Castro, Steve Stephano, Florence Bergman, Vivian Abraham, Alex DesForges, Luke Miratrix, Nicole Madden, Sam Patton

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1. Healey Mission Moment

- Another parent was impressed by the buildings that the 7th graders made out of cardboard
- On Monday a parent went to the City Hall about the tot lot and there was a lot of support - standing room only
- Florence is making plans for her succession and there is a lot of support to continue the program
- 7th grade is having the sustainability fair and they are doing a “Shark Tank” presentation and they did excellent presentations
- 6th graders went on an interactive field trip to Lesley University where they got the opportunity to break rocks and make a fossil record

2. Tot Lot

- History of the Master Plan
 - CPA fund - property taxes go to a pool and for projects around the city
 - The Healey got money for a design plan that brought in community members ideas
 - <http://healeymystic.org/>
- Updates from Meeting
 - Transformative plan would cost around \$3 million
 - There was geotechnical work done over the summer to see if they could do work on the bluff and it was complicated on the ownership
 - There is money available now (\$80,000) for quick fixes
 - Some examples of quick wins: fix stairs, turn the tennis court into turf, etc.
 - Meeting plan for December 13 at 6 pm at the Healey School
- Discussion
 - There can be some money to replace the mulch and replace the swings - there are some concerns around doing maintenance could slow down doing the transformative plan
 - Member wants to support the plan and to continue to have the community to support the plan
 - Member wants to be able to get what we can get with the money that is already in the plan
 - A great piece of the plan was that there was more of a connection between the Mystic and the Healey
 - Do we re-mulch the tot lot? Or wait until the plan is decided?
 - Could we at least put seating and shade in the meantime for the backlot?

3. Tri-chair Election

- Sam Patton unanimously elected as teacher tri-chair
- Kim Schmidt unanimously elected as parent tri-chair
- Some interest in having student representatives on the school site council - the 7th & 8th grade teachers are going to work on it

4. School Improvement Plan

- The School Improvement Plan is a plan for 2 years

- The school site council reviews the goals
- The ILT and the staff work on actionable steps and review the information
- Wellness goal - a member suggested a wellness goal around better communication between parents and the school
- The Healey was previously a level 3 school and this year the accountability system has changed
- Can't compare the accountability system from last year to this year
- This new accountability system is to ensure progress in narrowing achievement gaps by "raising the achievement floor"
- Compared to schools in our quartile to make goals
- Somerville ranks among the top three urban districts
- Former ELL students are below all students
- A member is concerned that the SIP does not reflect our values such as joy, openness, excellence, and creativity to make sure that we are meeting our mission
- A member says that by law that site council has to agree to the SIP and that the city made changes to the SIP process and the member agrees with the academic goal, but it is also important to make sure that the goals align with the mission
- A member feels that we need to push more issues that the community is concerned about, such as parent/school communication and willing to do the work
- The timeline is really tight and we need to communicate and work with the district to allow for more collaboration with stakeholders
- A member is concerned that the system does not allow parent concerns and input on the goals
- A member suggests to have goals around our mission like the building, communication
- A member suggests that we evaluate how we are doing on our mission
- MCAS data shows that Hispanics are an underperforming subgroups
- Hispanics are 44% of the school
- 32% are special education students
- 62% are FLEP or ELL
- 78% are low income
- 18% are special education, ELL & FLEP and low income

5. November 14

- Minutes were approved unanimously

+ (What worked well)

▲ (What to change in future meetings)

December 10

1. Mission Moment
2. Update SIP
3. Wellness Goals