



Somerville Public Schools

West Somerville Neighborhood School

177 Powder House Blvd

Somerville, MA 02144

School Council Meeting Agenda

November 7th, 2018

5:00-6:30 PM

West Somerville Neighborhood School, Room 205

1. Approve minutes from September and October—minutes approved
2. Principal Update (5)
 - a. Attendance
 - b. trip
3. Staff Update (5)
 - a. 2nd quarter, fresh start
4. Parent update (5)
 - a. 1st floor, kids will miss Ms. Bourne—good transition
 - b. There was a question about Schoology and google classroom, all teachers in 1:1 classes have accounts, some prefer google classroom
5. SFLC Liaison Update (5)
 - a. 2030 planning initiative is holding focus groups. They are working to schedule one on this side of the city—maybe at North St. projects
 - b. Supporting families through holidays and cold weather, clothing pantry is in need of coats in 7-12 kids sized.
 - c. We plan to do a grocery store gift card drive—small denominations are great. We were able to provide gift cards for families over December break and February break.
6. PTA Update (5)
 - a. Pie sale was very successful
 - b. Conference scheduling is happening, should get your time with report cards.
 - c. Rudy's will do a restaurant night and give us 20%---date will be publicized soon
 - d. Tipping Cow will also do an ice cream night for us---the goal is to get 4 events.
7. WSNS Playground redesign project-Arn Franzen here
 - a. CPA request was funded for the design phase of the project.
 - b. Will issue RFP and make it clear that Brown and WSNS projects are two separate projects, we do not want a cookie cutter approach.
 - c. Arn discussed some parameters and ideas for the project.
 - d. What is the time from RFP issuance to ribbon cutting.

- e. Once a landscape firm is hired, the design takes about a year—then we need to find more funding.
- f. Can we get money for building the new yard before we have the design in hand?
- g. Try to schedule community meeting in December—reached out to Katjana to get a date.
- h. What do we want to preserve in current space and what do we want to have added?

Next Meeting: December 12, 5:00-6:30

Future Agenda items:

West Somerville Neighborhood School Goals, 2016-2018

- By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, attendance at school events will reflect, within 5 percentage points, the demographic make-up of the school.
- At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percentage of families (a representative sample) who report that they are happy with their level of involvement in the school will increase by 10 percentage points as compared to the results of the 2015-2016 school year survey.
- At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the percentage of families (a representative sample) reporting that they have adequate information from school to support student learning at home will be improve by 10 percentage points as compared to the results of the 2015-2016 school year survey.
- At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the make-up of parent boards will more closely reflect the demographic make-up of the school.
- By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the composite performance indicator (CPI) gap between non-disabled and disabled peers will be reduced by at least 10 points in all tested areas.

- By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, WSNS students at all grade levels and in all sub-groups will have an SGP of 60 or higher.