



Somerville Public Schools

West Somerville Neighborhood School

177 Powder House Blvd

Somerville, MA 02144

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2018

5:00-6:30 PM

West Somerville Neighborhood School, Room 205

Attendance: Leslie Lartey, Wylín Wilson, Lee Anne King, Coleen Cunningham, Brenda Williams, Marissa Roque, Kathleen Seward, Kathleen Brewer

1. Principal Update (5)
 - a. Smooth opening, 372 students
 - b. New staff
 - i. Art: Alejandra Diaz Coronel
 - ii. Grade 2-Shepleigh Voit
 - iii. SMILE, SMLE para- Stephen DeBenedictis, Daphnee Balan
 - iv. Grade 1 (Maternity)-Rachel Bourne
 - v. 5th ELA/SS-Monica Revert
 - c. Two new trips—Nature's Classroom (6th) and DC (8th)
2. Staff Update (5)
 - a. We are here and happy to be here, reinforcing routines and getting back to things
 - b. Goodbye zone is working
 - c. New school-wide pass system, kids like the security of it
 - d. 8th graders are aware of the opportunity to join the council, and the 8th reps will join next month.
3. Parent update (5)
 - a. Are parking people enforcing no parking in live parking spots? Can we add more on Raymond Avenue?
 - b. Is there a parking pass for nanny's- ---maybe through traffic and parking.
 - c. Question about October fun—October 26th is the date
4. SFLC Liaison Update (5)
 - a. Year off to a great start—only 117 returning student registrations that are not done.
5. PTA Update (5)
6. Biogen/City Year Care Force Event (15), Kathleen Seward
 - a. Mrs. Seward gave an update on the project
7. Playground updates from summer meetings (10), Laura Beretsky

8. Elections, 2018-2019 (10)

Staff:

- a. Leslie Lartey, year 2 of a 2 year term
- b. Marissa Roque, year 2 of a 2 year term
- c. Staff open, year 1 of a 2 year term (Betsy Griffin)
- d. Staff open, year 1 of a 2 year term (Brenda Williams)

Parents/guardians:

- a. Wylin Wilson, year 2 of a 2 year term
 - b. Coleen Cunningham, year 2 of a 2 year term
 - c. p/g open, 1 of a 2 year term (Lisa Tatterson)
 - d. p/g open, 1 of a 2 year term (Laura Beretsky)
 - e. p/g open, 1 year of a 2 year term (Callie Wiser)
9. WSNS Data Story, School Improvement 2018-2020, Kathleen Seward
- a. Initial data story review and discussion

Next Meeting: October 24th, 2018

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.