



**Somerville Public Schools**  
West Somerville Neighborhood School  
177 Powder House Blvd  
Somerville, MA 02144

## **School Council Meeting Minutes**

September 25th, 2019

5:00-6:30 PM

West Somerville Neighborhood School, Room 205

1. Principal Update (5)
  - a. 400 students are enrolled
  - b. The year is off to a good start
2. Staff Update (5)
  - a. Students are acclimating to the new year
  - b. The 7/8 has a new schedule that students and teachers really like so far, extra time for lunch and recess.
3. Parent update (5)
  - a. Students have noticed that there are not products in the new sanitary products dispensers that were installed in the girls bathroom.
  - b. There was a question about when the compost/recycling would start in the cafeteria, and Mrs. Seward said in October. We would like to invite someone from the city to explain how it is going once the program is up and running.
4. SFLC Liaison Update (5)
  - a. Mrs. King updated the group about the SFLC reorganization that happened over the summer.
5. PTA Update (5)
  - a. New membership model, no required dues. They have accepted donations to cover dues and have more than enough to cover their membership goal.
  - b. Updates on some events and fundraising goals for the year.
6. School Improvement Plan Progress to date (20)
  - a. Mrs. Seward shared a Presentation showing the progress to date on the SIP goals and previewing the focus area for the school year.
7. MCAS Data Update (20)
  - a. Held off on this data update due to their being a lot of data in the presentation.
8. Playground update (10)
  - a. A firm has been hired, community meetings will be happening, a design should be completed this school year.
9. Elections and council makeup, 2019-2020 (10)
  - a. There will be two open seats (seats currently occupied by Wylin and Coleen)

- b. New parents had the chance to ask questions of parents currently serving on the council.

Next Meeting: October 23rd

Future Agenda items:

1. Mcas Accountability status
2. Traffic calming measures discussion
3. Update on cafeteria compost/recycling
4. Election of council Co-Chair