

Sprague Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting MINUTES
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Leigh Petrowsky's Office Sprague School
3:15 - 4:15 pm

I. Welcome Members

Penny Coplestone - former teacher, worked at Sprague, currently volunteers in 3rd grade, taught 5th, 4th, and 3rd, has a wonderful family

Moe Lally - 10 yr. 9 yr, two 8 yr., former teacher, joined DESE and worked on policy, always interested in education

Karen Lindquist - grade 1 teacher, teaching when Sprague opened, taught overseas, taught in Haverhill, K, 1, and 2, and K/1 multi-grade, job-shared, a lot of really rich experiences in career, two girls, husband, dog

Liz Serotte - grade 5 student, sophomore, college son, marketing/communications, her mom a teacher, been in awe of school system, grew up in Baltimore City, love to contribute, prior to on the Board of Wellesley METCO

Jaymee Mannix - EL, 6th year in Wellesley used to be at Fiske, Randolph Schools, middle school experience, live in Milton, 2 boys, husband, School Council previous year,

II. Hopes and Dreams for 2020 School Council

- *The awareness of school-related topics, what is here, what exists, voice
- *Be more engaged in the process, effort, time, and thought that goes into the school and how it runs
- *Hopeful to represent my students/families when we plan initiatives and events that they are respected in all ways, everyone can learn from each of other
- *Focus on diversity, not many opportunities for racial/economic mixing, etc.
- *Came to represent the staff and all students but advocating for voices that feel as though they are not heard or represented
- *Hoping to include other parents and build a stronger community!
- *Take a look at how we are building parent community at Sprague - all parents, not just one specific group
- *Open, honest, and collaborative working group where we share ideas, concerns, and objectives beyond the School Improvement plan - no matter how big and how small
- *Gather voices from community, members, parents, and others

III. Goals for 2020 School Council

Build our community

How can we be more inclusive for working families?

Looking for opportunities to create a connection for families

Growing the size of our community and strengthening and supporting the community

Using the technology that is available to all of - Skype, Google Hangouts

Strengthening the community at the elementary level will go a long way to support the students/children to support each in the long run

Relationships

Strategic Plan/School Improvement Plan

Diversity/Cultural Competency

Curriculum/Achievement Gap

Outside factors - i.e. Russian Math

Time

Anxiety amongst students and teachers - i.e. outside factors

IV. Teacher/Parent Input

V. Other

Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Thursday, April 9, 2020*

Thursday, May 21, 2020*

*these particular meeting dates may need adjusting based on the spring schedule