



Somerville Public Schools

West Somerville Neighborhood School

177 Powder House Blvd

Somerville, MA 02144

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2019

5:00-6:30 PM

West Somerville Neighborhood School, Room 205

Members in attendance: Lartey, Wilson, Wiser, Brewer, King, Williams, Cunningham

1. Approve minutes from November
 - a. Minutes ok to post
2. Principal Update (5)
 - a. Back to school, routines have stuck
 - b. Building entry, lines, sign in and passes
 - c. Mid-year assessments
 - d. Monthly focus is responsibility
3. Staff Update (5)
 - a. Routines are in place so teachers can pick up where they left off
 - b. K parent steam event and 2nd grade did a velveteen rabbit
 - c. Parents are starting to ask more questions about DC
 - d. 8TH grads will start course selection process soon, event at SHS 1/31, Lee Anne will call all families.
 - e. Grocery store gift card fundraiser for December raised over \$1,00 so we can provide cards over breaks and long weekends
4. Parent update (5)
 - a. Movie night went well and was well attended
5. SFLC Liaison Update (5)
 - a. Course selection calls
 - b. Jan. 12th PK and K registration opens
6. PTA Update (5)
 - a. Bosterthon started today.
 - b. Cause an Event will be on mother's day in May
 - c. PTA meeting with school committee in Feb. asking to change the school picture photographer; sibling pref. for PK if you have a child in the school; more liaison hours, someone rep. schools for busses during the new bus contracts
 - d. Two openings on PTA board for next school year, 2 positions open.
7. Election of Co-Chair (10)
 - a. Callie Wiser voted in as co-chair

8. WSNS Playground redesign project update (15)
 - a. RFP will go out this winter, and hope to hire an architect to design over the next year.
 - b. Then we will have to go out to find more funding
9. School Improvement Plan (30)
 - a. Presentation to School Committee, 1/28/19 6:30 pm
 - b. Review plan and progress to date
 - c. Review progress to date

Next Meeting: February 6th, 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.