



Eliot K-8 Innovation School
Eliot School Family Council Agenda

January 17, 2018

Meeting Started at 6:05

Approximately 20 attendees

Co-chairs: Stacey Elwood Head and Michelle Melwani Mehra

Introduction

- Traci spoke about this week's visit by Willie O'Ree, the first African American player in the NHL. This visit made a very positive impact on middle school students.
- Stacey thanked all in the Eliot community for their incredible responsiveness and support with regard to opposing 2018-19 implementation of the proposed school time changes. The Governing Board is waiting for communication from the school board about any movement

Upcoming Events (Stacey Head)

- -The Eliot Family skate is scheduled for March 11 from 3-5. Suggestion was made to do a group photo to commemorate the event.

Committee updates:

Welcome committee (Emily Synk and Corinne Green)

- Corrine reported that the last scheduled prospective family tour was completed. All tours were very well attended and volunteer turnout was great.
- There may be a need to schedule an additional tour date because of the snow cancellation.

Spring gala (Sam Bartle and Jaime Dutton)

- Jaime/Sam reported that they are very close to finalizing a new venue that is close to the school. The goal is to incorporate more games into the event, and to focus on corporate sponsorships. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, and should contact Sam or Jaime. Their contact info is on the school website.

Parent education (Rebecca Knight)

- Plans for future events include an exam schools night and a speaker on allergy awareness.
- Rebecca would welcome suggestions for additional speakers.
- Traci mentioned that the school has been working with YW Boston and will have workshops focusing on the schools plans for focusing on equity and an anti-racist culture.

Wellness committee-

- Michelle relayed an update from Stephanie Shapiro Berkson. Discussions are on-going about revamping satellite cafeterias.

SPED-No update

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City-Wide Parent Council (Jeanette Beltran/Ashley Mahanama)-No update

Room parent

- Kate Shepherd encourages all parents to check the lost and found

Governing Board Overview (Israel Ruiz, Chair of the Governing Board)

A PowerPoint of Israel's presentation will be made available to the Eliot community. His presentation included:

- A brief history of the Eliot school, including innovation status and formation of the Governing board
- Role/Vision of the governing Board
- Governing Board Structure and Composition
- Goals for the next year, including a need to remain flexible and effectively respond to any district wide changes.

Principal Traci's Update

Traci spoke on several topics:

- K2 conferences and 1-8 mid-year assessments are up-coming. Parents with questions should speak to teachers, as it's important that everyone understands what kids need to work on in order to grow. Eliot is continuously looking at systems within grades to make sure school is always improving, especially as the school continues to grow
 - MCAS for grades 3-8 will all be on-line
 - The "All in for Technology" fundraising campaign was very successful. Traci stressed that the purpose of the technology initiative is to find new ways to engage students, and enable teachers to teach in innovative ways to benefit all Eliot children.
 - Continuing Professional education is ongoing; Traci and Holly are going back to Columbia Teachers' College for additional training; Morgan Atkins will attend a workshop at ThinkKids.
 - Morgan Atkins thanked the Eliot community for their participation in the Giving Tree Program. The school was able to support 300 Boston area children through the program.
- Meeting ended at 7:30 pm

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