

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The CPSC School Council meeting this month covered items central to the future of our school and fundamental to the function of the council. The agenda topics ranged from the role of diversity at Central Park to better ways for the council to communicate with parents. During the director's report, John discussed the board's decision to postpone the creation of a Central Park middle school, and the opportunity for the school to be at the forefront of charter school reform through a lottery modification process that would utilize socioeconomic status as a means of increasing CPSC diversity.

The diversity committee has been working on the issues around diversity and the school council plans to invite committee members to discuss current efforts. As Vicky Patton, chair of the board of directors said, CPSC was founded in order to prove a child-centered approach could be successful in a diverse public school. The council acknowledged the school has a long way to go and agreed to continue to examine ways CPSC can become more inclusive.

Thanks to the efforts of John H., Jill Ackerman, first grade teacher, and Toby Berla, the 4-5 parent representative, the CPSC School Council now has a new communications plan designed to clarify the role of the council for the school community. As the plan states, the school council is intended to be an advisory committee for the director and seeks to serve as a conduit for communications amongst parents, teachers, administrators, classrooms, committees and the local community.

So in that spirit, if you would like to bring any observations, ideas, issues, or concerns about the topics discussed at this month's meeting or something else entirely, please email your grade-level representative. (submitted by Buddy Harris (K-1 representative))

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