

<b>Pierce School Site Council</b> 2023-2024 Meeting 4: Thursday, February 29th 5-6pm <a href="#">Zoom</a>	
Norms	Start on time; Use “I” Statements; Be Fully Present; Consider Other Perspectives; End on Time
Members	<b>Staff:</b> Tracy Bare, David Carter, Beth Collins, Anne Sheridan <b>Parents:</b> Bernardine Chan, Molly Cohen-Osher, Bradley Coleman, Susie Ma, Emily Weiss <b>Principal:</b> Jamie Yadoff <b>Community Members:</b> TBD (Someone offered to ask Bryan Fuller at Power Rowing. Did that happen?)
Attendees	<b>Staff:</b> Tracy Bare, David Carter, Beth Collins, Anne Sheridan <b>Parents:</b> Bradley Coleman, Susie Ma, Emily Weiss, Molly Cohen-Osher <b>Principal:</b> Jamie Yadoff <b>Community Members:</b> Carla Benka
A reminder of roles and responsibilities of School Site Council’s can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	

Time	Topic	Notes
5-5:10	Shout outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd / 3rd grade Mr. Popper’s Penguins</li> <li>• Anne and Ali - Variety Show planning</li> <li>• Conservatory Strings/Band concerts</li> <li>• Susie: Skate Night raised \$ for PTO, great weather, good turnout</li> </ul>
5:10-5:20	Budget update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should watch the School Committee meeting @ 6pm; revised budget next round is being presented to SC - don’t have sneak peek</li> <li>• They are putting in requests to help Pierce deal w “traveling staff”</li> <li>• We’re in a tough spot: Town Manager said town is in a chronic operational deficit; either need to increase revenue or cut spending (recent <a href="#">Brookline News article</a>)</li> <li>• We are always falling behind COL increases bc of Prop 2 ½</li> <li>• \$2.2M gap in district budget</li> </ul>
5:20-5:40	Swing space / project design updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project design: Engaging in final review meetings re: partial design (interiors &amp; exteriors), going slowly as planned</li> <li>• Swing spaces coming along well (Karen King &amp; Ed Clancy leading). OLS has lots of great updates. Lots</li> </ul>

		<p>of great furniture from BHS + Driscoll.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have identified where each grade level band will be. Teachers have given preferences for types of furniture they want.</li> <li>● Will reuse furniture in swing space, have new furniture for new Pierce</li> <li>● Fisher Hill: Building Dept. will remain in that building, in the bottom floor</li> <li>● Met w head of food, looks like we will be able to have hot meals there</li> <li>● If March Building Commission vote is affirmative to release \$ for early demo package, spaces will be ready for teacher walkthroughs after April break so teachers can spend spring thoughtfully packing</li> <li>● If March 12th vote goes aff, movers will come Mon. 6/24, demo will start around 7/1</li> <li>● Bus routes: pickup will still be @ library (best &amp; safest), but dropoff will be @ corner of Harvard &amp; Pierce, across street from Bottega (bc library circle will be too busy in afternoons when library is open); sidewalks will still be open during demo</li> <li>● Principal Yadoff will do trial run on buses</li> <li>● Music: Q: Where will large ensembles be? A: We have plans in both locations.</li> <li>● Packing concerns: difficult for teachers to pack at the end of long days this spring. Is the building going to be open on weekends? A: Yes, Principal Yadoff wants to open building every weekend in June if possible. Just figuring out details including when new locations will be ready to receive items.</li> </ul>
5:40-5:55	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tech ban? PSB principals have discussed. Next step: Principals aspire to create common plans this summer, and each school will determine how to execute. Staff will decide if we should roll out new cell phone policy with other new policies or as a second wave.</li> <li>● First 5-10 days of school next year will be building community and learning new routines, bc kids will have to learn the new spaces and procedures.</li> <li>● Community team member: Susie invited Brian Fuller from Brookline Power Rowing. He is interested to join but will leave to row across the Atlantic this June. Susie will share schedule.</li> <li>● 8th grade placements: Pierce teachers try hard to put kids who could possibly handle it into honors, and that is the directive from BHS for past 10 years. We don't believe in recommendations fundamentally, but doesn't matter anyway bc parents can put their kids in any classes. Honors classes in 9th grade are</li> </ul>

		<p>60-70% of people. Honors classes are heterogenous, and other classes are concentrated level of need. Used to be (30 years ago) 30% / honors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal Yadoff: Not a good setup bc 8th grade teachers are being asked to recommend kids for classes they are unfamiliar with, and got no feedback. Kids' feedback was that it depended which teacher you got, more than which level.</li> <li>● Principal Yadoff: 3-year SIP is finished, so don't need to work on it for a while. Currently in Year 1. Next year, look at goals and see if we want to make any revisions. In Year 3, start working on next one.</li> <li>● Brad: Can we check in on progress against SIP @ end of school year?</li> <li>● <b>Yadoff: Yes, will add to agenda for May.</b></li> </ul>
5:55-6	Open Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carla Benka: Concerned that connections between Brookline schools and rest of community are not very strong. Appreciate chance to hear about everyday activities and challenges. Suggested that Superintendent Guillory's communications could be posted on town website. Wrote to him but haven't heard back. Many people only hear about schools when they ask for \$.</li> <li>● Principal Yadoff: You can see them on PSB homepage <a href="#">here</a>. And people can get added to mailing list.</li> <li>● Susie: Brookline HS PTO newsletter is also open for community members to subscribe.</li> <li>● Principal Yadoff: New Pierce school will have a fitness center, want to partner w Brookline Senior Center to get access after hours and on weekends. New auditorium will also be a great venue option for use by Senior Center.</li> </ul>