



School Committee Planning Retreat

October 12, 2021

Boston Public Schools

Agenda

- **Roles and Responsibilities** (15 minutes)
 - Reflections of MASC training
- **Priority Topics & Agenda Setting** for School Year 2021-22 (60 minutes)
 - Review of required reports and updates
 - Review of member priority suggestions
 - Review of 3 month proposed schedule
 - Review of School Committee goals
 - Review of task forces
- **Meeting Structure** (60 minutes)
 - Expectations for each meeting
 - Superintendent report
 - Grants
 - Reports
 - Length of presentations
 - Speakers
 - Public comment
 - In person vs. remote
 - Questions from members
- **Public Comment** (20 minutes max.)
- **Next Steps**

Roles and Responsibilities

Four Responsibilities of the Boston School Committee

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget
- Hiring, managing, and annually evaluating the Superintendent
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

September 2021 MASC Professional Development Training

- Reflections

Recurring Agenda Items

- Capital Budget Update (March 16, 2022?)
- Financial Update (Dec 14, 2022)
- Massachusetts School Building Authority Statements of Interest
- SpedPac Annual Report
- Opportunity & Achievement Gaps (OAG) Task Force Update
- School Quality Working Group (SQWG) Update
- English Language Learners (ELL) Task Force Update -
- Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) Annual Update
- Exam Schools Admissions Policy Update (June 2022)
- Wellness
- Superintendent Evaluation
- MA School Choice Program Hearing and Vote (May 2022)
- MassCore (Quarterly)
- Preliminary Budget Recommendation (Feb 2, 2022)
- Final Budget Vote (March 23, 2022)
- ESSER Update
- Student Information Sharing Update

Member Priority Suggestions

- **Communication** - between the district, BSC, parents and community
- **Transitions**
 - How are we preparing parents and students for transitions from Gr 6 to 7-12 options or Gr 8 to high schools
 - Are there enough 7-12 options for students in K-6? Will some students need to transfer to a K-8 before high school?
- **Transformation Schools Update**
- **Science/Tech/Voc Ed**
 - What is our comprehensive Science/Tech strategy to support students in vocational or college bound programs?
- **Teacher Supports and Training**
 - How much PD is required by the district/ schools?
 - What is offered through grants, union, etc.
 - Who pays? Do teachers receive stipends?
 - What works? Do teachers evaluate the effectiveness of the training? How much is teacher-to-teacher training?

Member Priority Suggestions

- **Facilities**
 - Long term planning and addressing immediate needs
- **High Schools**
 - Increasing quality across the board; additional resources to support MassCore
- **English Language Learners**
 - Supporting instruction; status of native language instruction
- **Out-of-School Time Programming**
 - After school, summer, connection with community partners
- **Educator Diversity**
 - Clear targets and and timeline for meeting metrics
- **Literacy**
- **Special Education**
 - Models and instruction

Proposed 3 month Schedule

- **October 27**
 - Preliminary Annual Report on Strategic Plan
 - BuildBPS
 - BDEA MOU

- **November (11/3 and 11/17)**
 - Academic Vision
 - Athletic Policy
 - Hiring Update
 - MassCore Update

- **December (12/1 and 12/15)**
 - Financial Update
 - BuildBPS

Proposed 2022 Schedule Winter

- **January**
 - Annual Organizational Meeting
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- **February**
 - Preliminary Budget Presentation* (1st Wed)
- **March**
 - Budget Vote* (4th Wed)
 - Capital Budget hearing (Includes update on BuildBPS)

Proposed 2022 Schedule Spring

- **April**
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- **May**
 - MA School Choice Program Hearing & Vote
- **June**
 - Exam Schools Admissions Policy Update

School Committee Goals and Values

In April 2021, the School Committee approved a set of **goals and values**: five student outcome goals and five non-negotiable community values to focus and drive its work.

These **goals** are in five areas with **5-year targets** set for all students:

- Early Literacy
- Achievement for English Learners
- Achievement for Students with Disabilities
- Critical Thinking in Math, Science and Literacy
- College, Career, and Life Readiness

The **values** are in the following areas:

- Student Voice & Family Engagement
- Community Partnerships
- Equity & Eliminating Opportunity Gaps
- Diverse & Effective Staffing
- Social, Emotional & Physical Supports

Task Forces

Active Boston School Committee Task Forces

Membership and Charge: BSC Bylaws: Article IV

- English Language Learners Task Force, est. 2009
 - Monitoring Body, Meets Monthly
 - Three active subcommittees
- Opportunity & Achievement Gaps Task Force, est. 2015
 - Monitoring Body, Meets Monthly
- School Quality Working Group, est. 2013
 - Monitoring Body, Meets Quarterly

Meeting Structure

- **Superintendent's Report**
- **Grants**
- **Reports**
 - Length of presentations
 - Speakers
- **Public Comment**
 - Current Policy (2012): Each School Committee meeting will feature one (1) 60-minute public comment period immediately following the Superintendent's Oral Report. The Chair has discretion as to the length of the period.
 - The Chair has the discretion to allow for an additional comment period immediately following the report presentations. The length of the comment period will be determined by the Chair.
- **In person vs. remote**
 - MA State Law Permits Remote Public Meetings until April 1, 2022

Next Steps

- **January Retreat**
- **Goals and Values**
- **Ongoing Policy Review**