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Haggerty School Advisory Council (SAC)
Friday, October 9, 2026
8:00 - 9:00 AM
Haggerty Library & Google Meet

Here is the **agenda and slides for meeting**:

- Introductions & Welcome
    - Roles - Note Takers, Note Checkers, Zoom Support, what else?
    - Check-in: What we're hearing - What's on Top? Peaches & Pits (anything that is not on the agenda and needs time or planning is tabled for another mtg or a subcommittee meeting.)
    - What is a School Advisory Council?
    - Scheduling an election to replace two caregiver representatives
    - Future meeting dates

Notes taken by: Lissa Galluccio

Attendance: Nancy Campbell, Kevin McGonegal, Lissa Galluccio, Aline Kassabian, Kristi Leimgruber, Marcos Santana, Wehazit (Hiyab's mom)

Roles for the committee: Helpful to also have a note checker, so that all perspectives are captured. We are required to post our meetings and our minutes (Open Meeting Law rules).

What's on top? Peaches & Pits: *Pit* - one thing that lingers is the rocks thrown through two windows at school, but there are no cameras so the person(s) were not caught. Cameras and lights outside to deter any vandalism? Nancy will look into it with Damon Smith.

Another issue - lighting in the playground, it's very dark out there, maybe motion lights so they are not on all night.

Peach: Routines are relatively set in classrooms and community is being built, and really focused on the curriculum now.

Peach: The Potluck is coming - got entertainment and the country tables are set - looking forward to the fun.

Peach: We welcomed another SCALE classroom this year, putting us at 4 SCALE classrooms. Very excited to have them. The staff continue to look at how to be inclusive as possible. The new K SCALE classroom took over the space of the DSHP preschool room.

Question: How do the grades align in the SCALE classrooms? We have a stand alone K and 1st grade classroom, and then we have a 2nd -3rd grade classroom and a 4th-5th grade classroom. The breakdown will depend a little on the cohort sizes each school year.

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What is a School Council?

School councils are representative advisory groups that collaborate in advising the principal. School councils were established to assist principals in planning for and implementing goals and practices that enhance the achievement of all students.

They are advisory to the principal in:

1. planning for and implementing a school's improvement plan
2. reviewing the annual school building budget
3. identifying the educational needs of students attending the school
4. adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards

The School Council Handbook was voted on a few years ago by the Cambridge School Committee. We have a new Family and Community Engagement Director, Melissa Bolden. Melissa and Robin Harris are working together to revise/update this Handbook again, with a group of caregivers. Training slides in this slideshow are also from that first rendition, and will be revised as well.

Our current SIP - will be linked to this SAC Slide deck. It covers 2025-2026 & 2026-2027. These plans are also iterative and changing depending upon the new students in the building. There will be updates to the SIP budget forthcoming.

There was a question about where we get the data for educational needs and what is the data? This data comes from a variety of assessments that students take over the course of the school year. We will discuss the curriculum areas and different types of assessments used in future meetings.

The slide with the SAC members is a past screen shot (slide 6), but does list SAC meetings for this school year. Current SAC members are on slide 7.

Proposed dates (Slide 6): We reviewed the proposed dates and we accepted them. We will revisit the June date

SAC Members 2026-2027 - need another election this Fall to fill two vacancies. Handbook says elections are in the Spring, which is why we did it then. The Fall is nice because we have new caregivers who could participate. Haggerty staff representatives: Kevin and Aline have been our staff SAC rep's for a bit - the state outlines that parity is really important. There are currently no other staff interested, and Kevin and Aline are willing to stay on.

Community Representatives: we have had one for a couple years, and we need to check in with her to see if she will continue. Any ideas are welcome. DHSP folks are an option. Margaret Macri - Collins Branch Library. Fresh Pond Ranger - has joined us in the past.

Once we get two more caregiver rep's - we will need to vote in a co-chair, which is required under the regulations.

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Additional Topics for 2026/2027:

Learning more about the **SIP** will be useful.

Safety and security- cameras and lightning. If an initial correspondence doesn't get traction, we could invite Damon Smith to a meeting.

Focus Groups - can we do this earlier in the year, and maybe in more places. Panorama survey isn't always done by all families, or even most families, and also it's written in a very "American" way. Focus groups are a way to center families who might not be responding to these other surveys. We have done them for the last 4 or 5 years, and there are definitely themes. Bus behaviors, Math curriculum and pedagogy, as well as appreciations for Haggerty educators.

Please continue to think about any other topics or issues that we should put on the agenda for this year - then, we can prioritize.

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 13, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59am