

Graham & Parks School
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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

By the order of the **Chair, Kathleen Smith** of the **Graham & Parks School**, there will be a meeting of the **Graham & Parks** School Council on **September 30** at **5:45pm** at **Graham & Parks School, 44 Linnaean St** for the purpose of:

This is the first School Council meeting of the school year. The primary purpose is to orient members and participants as well as set up the council for the year ahead. During the meeting, members will connect with one another, hear updates on school operations and family engagement, review the council's purpose and legal guidelines, establish roles and meeting norms, and preview the goal areas for the School Improvement Plan before taking public comment. Votes may be taken.

(In-person and on Zoom)

Kathleen Smith, G&P Principal

Originally Posted on **September 22, 2026** at **2pm**

Updated post on September 30, 2026 at 4:30pm to include Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cpsd-us.zoom.us/j/95507247903?pwd=6ZRyiTlnHPhW7L8WbNd7yqbJ7ANfb1.1>

Meeting ID: 955 0724 7903

Passcode: 229700

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Agenda for September 30, 2026

5:45 – 7:00 pm

Library & Zoom

Pizza served at 5:30 pm in the Library

- Meeting Convened, Welcome & Approval of Minutes 5:45 - 6:00 pm
 - Welcome & Opening
 - Call Meeting to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Connecting Question: Share your role on the Council and how long you have been part of the G&P community.
 - Intended Outcomes
 - Approval of Minutes: 5/14/26 Meeting
- School Administration Report 6:00 - 6:10 pm
 - Opening School
 - Family Engagement
 - Staffing Updates
 - Facilities Updates
- Purpose of School Council & Structure of Meeting 6:10 - 6:35 pm
 - Purpose (School council handbook, see [pages 2-3](#))
 - Roles for SY 25-26: Parent Co-Chair, Tech Support, Secretary, Relentless Timekeeper
 - Open Meeting Law
 - Meeting Norms
 - [Draft Meeting Schedule](#)
- School Improvement Plan Review 6:35 - 6:45 pm
 - Goal areas
- Community Comment 6:45 - 6:55 pm
- Debrief 6:55 - 7:00 pm
 - Plus: What worked well?
 - Delta: What can we do better?
- End Meeting 7:00 pm

2026 - 2027 Graham & Parks School Council Members

Educator and Staff Representatives: Rabell Afridi; Karima Cheguaoui; Erin Garcia; Valarie Ifill; Fen Portmann-Katz; Lauren Morse – Family Liaison; Dr. Kathleen Smith – Principal & Co-chair

Family and Caregiver Representatives: Ira Nichols-Barrer; Matt Patton; Steven Shitemi, Lara Silberklang, HoEun Song, Edrias Teklu

Community Representatives: Jodi Rich