



## **Putnam Avenue Upper School**

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### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

By the order of the Chairs of the Putnam Avenue Upper School, there will be a meeting of the Putnam Avenue Upper School - School Council on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 - 7PM via Google Meet for the purpose of: Reviewing the PAUS SIP & Budget, Personnel & Staff Updates, School Updates and SC/PAFA Elections information.

[Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/kcq-ebgy-yaj](https://meet.google.com/kcq-ebgy-yaj)

Dr. Phanenca Babio-James

Posted on 5/15/26



## MEETING NOTES:

- **Oct. 15, 2025 Presentation:** [OCT-2025 Slideshow](#)
- Ms. Calioro welcomed the attendees.
- The meeting started with a connection: What strategies have people used to get kids to talk about their day. Responses varied from Bedtime, dinner, reading body language-excitement, anything around food,
- Meeting minutes were approved for June 2025 and September 2025.
- Ms. Calioro is serving as acting principal, Ms. Blair is serving as acting Asst. Principal. Brief bios for both leaders were shared, you can review them in the slide show.
- MC reiterated that the transition has been fairly smooth. Council members asked where support might be needed at this time, especially from the community. MC recounted that the first week was smooth, and received support from the upper school principals and district support (Asst superintendent). PAUS has a great team - office staff, teachers, counselors, liaison etc. jump in when they need to.
- A question was asked: what change if any do we anticipate in the next month and a half? Response: we anticipate school functioning as usual without a glitch, based on adequate planning with Dr. Babio-James & Ms. Calioro. We are trained and prepared for this, and have the right teams to support the school during this time.
- Staff SC Member PJ spoke about the 30 PAUS 8th graders who attended an International Colloquium at the Peace Institute at Wellesley, Harvard and MIT. Scholars represented PAUS and participated in discussions with UN Leaders, Dignitaries, Politicians and Entrepreneurs from around the world, in areas of Peace, Advocacy and Youth Leadership.
- A caregiver asked if there will be a theme for the SC meetings moving forward? Yes! Despite the transition, we wanted to keep the October SC meeting, introduce the leadership to the community, and shared highlights and updates (see slideshow).
- PAUS FunRun-Walk was introduced, along with the PAFA Fundraiser to support Putnam Ave. Panthers, athletics dept.
- Meeting ended at 7:00pm
- Next SC meeting is on Nov 19 - Data presentation of MCAS and iReady testing data and how it ties into the SIP. Meeting link: [meet.google.com/gyi-agur-kcc](https://meet.google.com/gyi-agur-kcc)

## Action Plan (if needed):

| Action                      | Assigned To | Due Date     |
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| NEXT School Council Meeting | PAUS        | Nov 19, 2025 |

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| Other School Council Meetings Dates                    |                | 2025: 12/17<br>2026: 1/21, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29,<br>5/20, 6/17 |
| Approve Meeting Minutes and Appoint Caregiver Co-Chair | School Council | Oct 2025   |

**GENERAL REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Putnam Ave. Website about the School Council: [link here](#) (meeting agenda and notes posted here)