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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REVISED SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

By the order of the Co-Chairs of the Darby Vassal Upper School, there will be a meeting of the Darby Vassal Upper School School Council on 01/29/2025 at 07:30 PM at Vassal Lane Upper School for the purpose of: 5th Grade Night happening tomorrow
starting Black History Month
Black Affinity Group will do educational leadership through announcements every day
big breakfast celebration at the end of the month
still on schedule with the new building
finalized furniture
finalized room assignments for teachers
kids with ASD will have a strand/middle school in our building.
They have a tiered system and have adults who will work with them & travel through building with them.
Teachers will be trained (GenEd). This professional development will start in the Spring.
How do we make it so that kids are being inclusive with new kids who have different challenges (may be non-verbal) but share this space with them? What can we learn from CSUS?
Teachers need to mitigate the level of disruption - how do we rethink what class looks like, managing expectations?
â€•Our locus of control is around the structures of the classroom.â€•
working with Tobin - collaborating with fire drills. There may be shared space because the KLo SEI classrooms will be hosted by Tobin for one year.
Staffing -
Drama teacher is returning after February break.
PE/Health teacher (Teresa) is retiring this Friday.
Patrick Sabato - 7th grade Social Studies - replacing Chris during his Sabbatical.
Thea - special ed teacher, science & math
The new administration wants to cut federal funding to schools that â€œindoctrinate kids,â€• i.e. teach them to have empathy.
ICE -
no longer stays out of hospitals, churches, schools
David Murphy (interim superintendent) sent out an email about this.
We do not allow anyone who is not Cambridge Police into our buildings.
Teachers are not authorized to share any info about students.
We would not open the door to ICE.
We can support students if they get home and parents are not there - backup plans.

The purpose of this policy change is intended to create fear.
The city is hosting â€œKnow Your Rightsâ€• workshops.
Are we having formal discussions or circles with kids?
We are trying to pace ourselves with the info we share. We will need to talk with all kids about having a backup plan.
How do we support kids to get papers and apply for college and jobs?
Obi will talk with the high school about this.

Attendees may sign up to attend the meeting by visiting the CPS School Council Meeting System at https://portal.cpsd.us/school_council.

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