

Thursday, February 13, 2025

CPS School Council

3:00pm-4:00pm

CPS Cafeteria

- Agenda:**
- 1) CPS Honor Roll
 - 2) CPS Core Values
 - 3) Grade 8 Semi-Formal
 - 4) CPS Staff-Student Basketball Game
 - 5) FONPS Update
 - 6) Teacher Appreciation Week 5/5/25
 - 7) MCAS Dates
 - 8) FY26 Master Schedule Update
 - 9) Hiring Update
 - 10) Staggered Start Times for FY26
 - 11) Parent Q & A

Attendees:

Michael Horton (principal), Jess Douglas (parent), Nan Gilch (parent), Tate Gilch (student rep), Stacey Montes (parent), Meg Browsers (parent), Mark Gonnella (teacher)

Absent: Adriene Lombardi (assistant principal), Mary Arnold (teacher)

(1) CPS Honor Roll

We would like to reinstate a CPS honor roll. Presented to staff:

Closely align with NHS: Principal's list all grades 90+ (same) and Honor Roll all grades 85+ (NHS is 80+)

We would identify students within the school community (email, assembly, certificates), but do not plan to post publicly in the paper.

(2) CPS Core Values

Proposing new core values: C - Collaboration P - Perseverance S - Scholarship

(3) Grade 8 Semi-Formal

Planned for Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Great Harbor Yacht Club. Estimate is \$4817. The class of 2029 has \$2500 after dividing up old accounts equally among all three grades. If we do nothing, tickets would be \$33/student, so fundraising will lower ticket cost and establish some funds as the class of 2029 starts at NHS in September.

(4) CPS Student-Staff Basketball Game

This idea is gaining support. We will work with Student Council advisor Holly Gordon and Emily Clarkson (grade 5 basketball game host) to plan events. Cost of admission proposed at \$10/adult, \$2/student. Another idea is a CPS Talent Show - maybe we could do both? Penny Wars and a bake-sale at the game, too?

(5) FONPS Update

Mike Horton met with Kelsea Gray and Jessica Norris last week. FONPS has already dropped off Goldfish crackers for MCAS snacks. FONPS is working to bring back the Honor Card.

(6) Teacher Appreciation Week - 5/5/25

Meg Browsers will create the same parent sign-up spreadsheet for parents to drop off snack and drinks each day that week. We will also have something for nurses.

(7) MCAS Dates:

ELA:

Tuesday, April 8

Thursday, April 10 (4/9 is a half-day)

Science:

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14

Math:

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

Civics:

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

(8) FY26 Master Schedule Update

CPS and NHS admin are working on aligning our schedules to open up opportunities for shared staff, shared space, and shared courses. Future enrollment and school budgets are uncertain based on national events and executive orders: it could decrease substantially or increase substantially. There have been times in recent years when staffing and space challenges could have been solved through an aligned schedule. Stay tuned...

(9) Hiring Update

We are posting for three open positions at CPS next year: Wellness (retirement), Reading/Special Ed (retirement), and Grade 6 ELA (staff moving off-island). If you know of anyone interested/qualified, please send them our way.

(10) Staggered Start Times for FY26

Bus staffing issues continue to be a challenge. One solution is to schedule two bus runs each morning and afternoon, so could NES/NIS and CPS/NHS be on different start/end times? Waiting for the next step of a confirmed Public Forum date from the central office as that has been scheduled and then rescheduled. Staggering start times would not be necessary if we could solve our bus staffing issues.

(11) Parent Q & A

- Student rep has no preference on different schedule options for future.
- Students happy with Flex block option at CPS.. curious about Advisory block at NHS
- Whaler Wellness Day coming up on Friday, 2/21/25 - students select new 'electives' for the day as we deviate from our typical core course schedule for the day before Feb break
- CPS parents appreciate the weekly update and communication from CPS admin team

NEXT MEETING: NPS School Council meeting with all four building level School Councils:

Thursday, 3/13/25 at 3:00pm in the CPS Cafe at 10 Surfside Road

Minutes respectively submitted by Michael Horton, CPS Principal