

Chenery PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Attendance: 59 attendees total

PTO Business

Welcome: Ms. Laura VanderHart & Ms. Jenny Kresse, Chenery PTO Co-Presidents

- Budget – on track to meet revised budget
annual (soft) appeal has netted approx. \$14k; thanks to all who contributed
- Clubs – did not happen in fall; started this winter and filled quickly
Volunteer needed to help coordinate clubs
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee – developing a mission; will focus on CMS specifically
Still open to parents/ families who would like to join
- Upcoming Meetings
March 3 (6:30pm) Override/Budget conversation with Superintendent Phelan
Co-hosted with Belmont High School PTSO
March 10 (8:00am) Coffee with Principal Karla Koza
- Questions, ideas, interested in volunteering? Email chenerypto@gmail.com

Meeting Notes Review

APPROVED – motion to approve the Chenery PTO November 5, 2020 Meeting Notes
47 attendees present at time of vote

New School Building Update

Presentation by Emma Thurston, CMS parent & member of building committee

Photos from February walk-through with drone footage from Mr. Dyer

- Project is on time and on budget
- Sustainable at all levels (i.e. geothermal pits, window features)
- Features showcased in photos: open lobby/ atrium, moveable walls in classroom, big windows in dining hall, outside space overlooking Clay Pond, wide hallways, renovation of existing field house and pool
- Next building walk-through: March 2021
- Ongoing project updates can be found at:

Town of Belmont website:

<https://www.belmont-ma.gov/Belmont-high-school-building-project>

SKANSKA Project page:

<https://partners.skanska.com/usa/project/Belmont/CP/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Webcam: https://app.truebook.com/?u=db1563296330#tl_live

Chenery Teacher Panel

- Over 80 CMS teachers were nominated by 266 students in 5 days in late January
Themes highlighted by students in nominations: safety, inclusion, engagement
- 5 teachers share how they have adapted their teaching in the pandemic
 - Danielle Bayardi (G5)
 - Sara Carson (Encore)
 - Jonathan Marks (G8)
 - Rebecca Silver (G7)
 - Brian Walsh (G6)
- Common themes that they all realized has been critical to their success this year
 - Supporting digital learning/computer skills
 - Community building
 - Flexibility
 - Addressing current events/ real-life experiences
 - Providing social emotional support
- Best practices shared by teachers

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

The following attendees were present at the February 10, 2021 Chenery PTO Meeting, as captured by the zoom participant list:

Bethan Bailey
Danielle Bayardi
Kimberly Beer
Doug Brenhouse
Susan Burgess-Cox
Qing Cao
Sara Carson
Michael Chase
Anna Churchill
Jodie Cohen
Shabrine Daftary
Irem Demirkan
Leon Dyer
Johnson Folorunso
Kim Foster
Nikki Foundas
Nomita Ganguly
Allison Goodwin
Jennifer Gould
Rebecca Green
Ms. Hawkins
Edward Hum
Peter Jacoby
Ingrid Johnston
Cate Karatzas
Idith Kisin
Karla Koza
Jenny Kresse
Sharon Lin
Martha Loftus
Jon Marks
Kim O'Mahoney
Eric Perkins
Tracy Pizzi
Margot Reavey
Mike Reavey
Urni Samador
Kabir Sen
Rebecca Sen
Rebecca Silver
Jess Smith

Jennie Song
Emma Thurston
Laura VanderHart
Brain Walsh
Candace Webb
Meghan Wright
Vera Iskandarian

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Helen
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