

Peirce School Council Minutes  
March 20, 2014

Present: Katya Salkever, Nick Nesta, Mark Chitty, Barbara DePasquale, Joanne Malouf, Georgia Smith, Mandy Bass

**Review/Approval of Minutes, February 27, 2014**

Approved unanimously.

**School Improvement Plan.**

After reviewing feedback from the school faculty, revisions were made to two lines in Section A (Educational Goals). In the line about Professional Learning Communities, we added text to indicate that collaboration would take place both “intra-grade levels” and “inter-grade levels” for the purpose of effective transitions for students. In the line about “Making Thinking Visible,” we added language about the Responsive Classroom program and our focus on both academic and social/emotional growth.

**Superintendent’s Proposed Budget, FY15**

The proposal includes 15 classrooms for Peirce. There may be a small increase in aide hours to allow further intervention for students who are not meeting benchmarks.

**Health and Wellness Initiatives**

Student Council has voted to focus on exercise this spring. We will plan a schoolwide project to promote exercise for the month of May, during the time that the playground is unavailable due to demolition and construction.

**Newton Serves and Playground Community Build**

Newton Serves will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, under the leadership of Andy and Ali Wylie, and it will focus on cleanup of the school grounds, mulching, and planting annuals. The Playground Community Build will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and we need to fill 200 volunteer slots for that weekend! Playground demolition is slated for the week after April Vacation, and we expect to officially open the new playground at the Family Dance on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting:** May 8, 2014.