

May 13, 2021

Each school has two representatives on this committee.  
Samantha Dang and Elizabeth Walther are co-chairs.

We are here to learn, have discussions and give input to the superintendent. Please take information back to each of your schools to share.

Please work with your principal to arrange for a parent substitute to attend PACS if you are unable to attend.

Co-chairs Samantha Dang and Elizabeth Walther welcomed the group and asked members to participate in an icebreaker activity.

We recently received a grant to support developing our early learning center at the new District Office we are designing on Barkley Boulevard. This is great news to help meet a demand for child care in our community and nice recognition of our grant writers and their important work.

The state legislature finished its session and finalized the state budget, and we are still waiting to hear what state funding for PreK-12 looks like for next year. Many school districts lost revenue during the pandemic due to loss of enrollment and transportation funds. The good news is that the state economy is rebounding, and the federal government has offered stimulus funds to help maintain staff and prevent cuts.

Our district, staff and a member of our board received national attention last week after a web post went viral about the book, I Am Jazz about a transgender girl. We [posted a message](#) that was used in response to media and others.

Other updates:

- happening at Civic Field on June 12.
- 12-year-olds and up are now eligible to receive vaccines. The state is not requiring vaccinations for staff or students, but rules may change.
- While no one can predict what Sept. 1 looks like, we hope school next year looks similar to a pre-pandemic schedule with school happening in-person five days per week. We will continue to refine our remote options for students.

May is mental health awareness month and staff shared a variety of supports and kinds of outreach offered in our schools for students regarding mental health.

mental health coordinator Chris Cochran, prevention and intervention specialist at Sehome High School Meghan Lever