



**Worcester
Public Schools
CPPAC**

CPPAC - Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council

November 2022

Welcome to CPPAC



1st Call to Order (Follow Robert's Rules)

The official explanation of the council is:

*"In order that the parents of children in the Worcester Public Schools may have a means of communication with each other and with the School Administration, the Superintendent of the Worcester Public Schools, with the authorization of the Worcester School Committee, has organized a parent participation organization called the **Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council.**"*

This is an informational meeting and we want to celebrate the good things happening in our schools and focus on Areas of Growth for our children to succeed



The CPPAC reviews, through monthly meetings, a number of issues that have a "citywide" effect on the Worcester Public School System. The CPPAC **does not act as a grievance committee** for individual student or school related issues.

Why your presence as a CPPAC Rep. is important:



- Each member is expected to maintain a line of communication between the CPPAC and their school's principal, site council and most importantly, parents.
- Identify important common topics/concerns that impact our children
- Share “positive activities” from your school allowing other schools to possibly implement
- Have your concerns shared with the Superintendent through the Co-Chairs of CPPAC

CPPAC Agenda

2nd Reminder to sign in

3rd Introductions (name, children's grade, and school)

4th Approve Minutes

5th Key Points to Review

6th School Calendar.

7th Guest Speakers:

TBA

8th Exit Tickets



So Let's Discuss Areas to Improve the Educational Experience for Our Children in Worcester



*CPPAC has used data and research articles to support the reasoning for these topics.

*Please take time to read the links and continue the conversation to see continued improvements

Family Is Critical



Researchers have been studying the effects parent attitudes and actions have on their children's academic success for more than 30 years. The results have been consistent.

"When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And **when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better.**"

From:

A New Generation of Evidence: The Family Is Critical to Student Achievement

Top Topics Identified to Improve the Educational Experience for Students in Worcester



Thank You to the WPS Teachers that are using the new WooEdu!



WooEdu is the Worcester Public Schools new student information system. This system is launching at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The data conversion is ongoing and more features will be added to WooEdu as the school year progresses. We are excited to give our students, families, and staff greater visibility and ease of use to enhance the education of our students. Please check this page for future updates and notices.

The screenshot shows the login interface for the Infinite Campus Student Information System. The page has a green header with the 'Infinite Campus' logo on the left and the tagline 'simple || powerful™' on the right. A red banner on the right side of the header reads 'Student Information System'. Below the header, there is a login form with a 'Google Single Sign-On (SSO)' button. Below this is a horizontal line with the word 'or' in the center. The form includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', followed by a blue 'Log In' button. At the bottom of the form, there are links for 'Forgot Password?' and 'Forgot Username?'. The footer of the page contains the copyright information: '© 2003-2022 Infinite Campus, Inc. www.infinitecampus.com'.

#1 Equity: Work to have All WPS Schools Post Monthly or Quarterly Principal Newsletters (Update Information on School Website)

Current Parents

Why It's Important: Regular newsletters are a wellspring of vital information for parents of currently enrolled students. By including pertinent information for upcoming events or contact information for relevant staff members, parents start turning to newsletters as their immediate go-to resource if they have questions. With one publication, you simultaneously generate an audience eager for re-enrollment messaging and create a repository of easily accessible, important information!

Prospective Parents

Why It's Important: Newsletters give prospective parents a relatively unscripted glimpse into the daily life of the school, showing them what it would be like if their children were enrolled. The newsletter can also be a tangible demonstration of the school's values at work through various articles and featured content.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/admin/admin414_a.shtml
<https://isminc.com/advisory/publications/the-source/newsletters-important-for-prospect-ive-current-and-past-parents>

#2 Equity Across Schools for Increased Parent Involvement in School Site Councils

The law leaves it up to each principal, "pursuant to a representative process approved by the superintendent and school committee," to define the size and composition of the council. It does, however, make three stipulations about membership.

1. Parents "shall have parity with professional personnel on the school councils."
Regardless of the size of the council, the number of parent representatives must be equal to the number of teachers who serve on the council plus the principal.
2. "Not more than fifty percent of the council shall be non-school members." "Non-school members" are defined as members who are "other than parents, teachers, students and staff at the school."
3. The membership of school councils "should be broadly representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the school building and community."

#3 Equity Across Schools for After School Programs/ Improve Sports/ Access to Gyms & Fields

“The hope among youth advocates and policymakers is that after-school programs can partially compensate for the inequities that plague the nation's schools and play a role in efforts to narrow gaps in achievement between more and less advantaged students.”



#4 Equity Across Schools for Elementary School Lunch Time

“The **American Academy of Pediatrics** recommends that students get **at least 20 minutes** for lunch. But that means **20 minutes to actually sit down and eat** — excluding time waiting in line or walking from class to cafeteria.”

Parents recommend the WPS adopt a lunch policy that ensures students have at least 20 minutes to actually sit and eat

<https://mobile.edweek.org/c.jsp?cid=25919881&bcid=25919881&rssid=25919871&item=http%3A%2F%2Fapi.edweek.org%2Fv1%2Ffew%2Findex.html%3Fuuid%3D7C1244F4-EEAE-11E9-B21A-8AF258D98AAA&cmp=eml-contshr-shr>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2013/12/04/248511038/these-days-school-lunch-hours-are-more-like-15-minutes>

Short lunch periods in schools linked with less healthy eating



<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/short-lunch-periods-in-schools-linked-with-less-healthy-eating/>

Thank You for your Support over the Years!

Still looking for a
CPPAC Rep: 1 or 2
year position
Available

Any Nominations?

We'll vote again at
next Meeting



2022-2023 CPPAC Meeting Schedule

<https://worcestercppac.weebly.com/>

All Meetings 7-8:30pm

November 1st: Guest speaker Superintendent Dr. Rachel H. Monarrez presenting at Worcester Tech. High School's Conference Room

January 10th: Guest speakers TBA presenting Remote Meeting Link will be posted/sent

March 7th: Guest speakers TBA presenting at Worcester Tech. High School's Conference Room

May 2nd: Guest speakers TBA presenting at Forest Grove Middle School Cafeteria

- o Translation will be provided
- o Child care will be provided
- o Light refreshments will be served

Thank you....please share and try to encourage a member of your school to attend in the future.



**Thank you for taking time out of your busy
schedule**



Exit Ticket: Before you leave please share at least one positive activity that is going on at your school and.....If you have an area of growth that you would like us to present to the Superintendent

Look Forward to seeing you on January 10th: Guest speaker TBA