

## Citizens Advisory Committee Report

The Citizens Advisory Committee met for the first time this year on Thursday October 26, 2017.

The 13 members of the committee include residents with children enrolled in GNPS as well as private school; residents without children enrolled in school; an officer of the staff association; the GNPS registrar; two current GNPS teachers, two GNPS high school students, an officer of a local Arts Center; a local activist/former member of the Board of Education; a retired teacher; a retired Assistant Superintendent; an officer of United Parent Teacher Council, an officer of the Great Neck Chinese Association; the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Prendergast; and Board Trustees Peirez and Sassouni. Ms. Sassouni serves as chairperson.

In sum, the CAC is comprised of very in-touch, engaged individuals with multiple perspectives and stakeholder positions in the community. The preliminary conversation included introductions; explanation of the role of the committee as a conduit for reciprocal citizen advice to and from the Board of Education; a recap of the CAC's activities last school year; and brainstorming regarding goals for the current term.

Thus far, the brainstorming consensus supports a District-wide Wellness initiative to be developed and culminating in Spring 2018, as well as District-wide effort to brand GNPS, including a mission statement, a logo, a website re-design, increased social media presence, and possible cross-marketing with other local institutional and civic platforms.

The committee was also advised that it will eventually be asked for its recommendation to the BOE regarding members' terms of service. Differing ways of preserving institutional memory will be discussed by the committee during future meetings.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday December 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
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BOE Trustee