Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
January 11, 2022, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Wendell Hughes
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Ed Atkins
- Oliver Sockwell
- Jess Rosenbaum (Lowell)
- Phone # ending in 5527
- Chris Ginter (Lowell)

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Lowell's fall has been largely typical, but with masks and covid testing. Some exceptions:
    - Throughout the fall we tested all on campus who were not fully vaccinated. Beginning this month, we are testing everyone on campus.
    - We have kept students in cohorts by grade.
    - Everyone coming to campus takes a daily online health screening.
    - Masks ae being worn by everyone on campus, both indoors and outdoors.
    - Many classes and most lunches have been outdoors.
    - Carpool line pickup and dropoff times are staggered
    - Aquatics and after school athletics have been modified for safety and scaled back.
    - Visitors have been limited.
    - We continue to offer remote learning for students who require it.
    - We have provided 7 on-campus vaccination clinics which have provided approximately 400 Covid vaccinations and 200 flu vaccinations.
    - Campus is operating per the reentry plan that was submitted to OSSE in July, with a few amendments which are in line with updated guidelines.
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Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- Our staggered carpool procedure launched with the beginning of the school year. With communication, human effort, and a bit of new technology we are operating at a standard level of efficiency.
  - Our need for distance has resulted in staggered carpool times for parents and the addition of one 'stop' on campus.
  - Carpool instructions and policies were communicated online during the summer, by email leading up to and after the start of school.
  - Some key rules are printed on the reverse of the carpool cards
- The traffic triangle continues to vex drivers. Those approaching from Kalmia have multiple options for merging onto 17th Street.
- A neighbor received email notification that a new stop sign has been installed at the 17th and Kalmia intersection. None present reported having observed any evidence of the new sign.

Old Business

- Lowell has not yet invented the solution to the late-night basketball playing problem but will continue to pursue solutions that strike the proper balance.

New Business

- Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and acclaimed author Isabel Wilkerson—*The Warmth of Other Suns* and *Caste*—will speak with Lowell students and families as part of the school's 2022 Social Justice Day programming

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Upcoming dates of interest

2022-2023 admissions decisions	March 4
STEMFest	March 5
MS Grandguest Day	March 16
PP and PS Grandguest Day	March 18
Spring break	March 18-March 27
Fundraising Fete	April 9
Spring Bazaar	April 30
Last day of school	June 9
Graduation	June 10
Summer Camp session 1 begins	June 20

Upcoming meeting dates

- April 12, 2022
- July 12, 2022
- October 11, 2022
- January 10, 2023