Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
January 10, 2023, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Sheldon Gay (Lowell)
- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Cynthia Francisco (Lowell)
- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Paula Edwards
- Oliver Sockwell
- Shereece Millett (Lowell)

Old Business

- Kalmia Creek project is still in the permitting process.
- No advances have been made relating to the Fraser Field site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Lowell's academic year has been quite familiar
    - Vaccines are required for all who are eligible and safely able to receive them
    - Mask wearing is optional
    - On-campus testing program has ended
  - Lowell's programming has been quite typical
    - Adjustments to the academic day that were in place during the Covid era have been changed back to previous.
    - Fall athletics seasons wrapped up before the holidays. Cross -country and soccer teams enjoyed successful seasons. Basketball is underway now: 4 middle school and 4 primary school teams are participating with middle school teams participating in a MS athletics conference for the first time.
    - Lowell has welcomed a new director of safety and Security to campus, a new role for us. The director will supervise a campus safety officer. Lowell answered a number of questions relating to the role and responsibilities of the Director.
    - Aquatics has re-grown considerably, with private and group lessons. Consideration is being given to the return of the community swim team and/or other expanded use of the aquatics facilities.
    - Before-care and after-care are operating at pre-Covid levels

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- Morning and afternoon carpool lines continue to operate in a highly efficient manner
  - Before-care, careful planning, and a team of carpool assistants all contribute to morning efficiency.
  - Bus transportation, after school programming, athletic teams, aquatics and staggered pick-up times all contribute to our efficiency in the afternoons.
  - Neighbors raised the issue of vehicles blocking driveways and speeding through alleys, both of which Lowell parents are regularly asked not to do.
  - A concern was raised about the safety of students who ride scooters and skateboards to and from school on public sidewalks.
  - Lowell was asked about any communication from DDOT regarding traffic calming in our neighborhood. Lowell has received no such communication. It was suggested that a new computer system may be hampering DDOT's efficiency. The CRC will work together with

with ANC4A1 in an attempt to achieve traffic calming measures similar to those which have recently been implemented elsewhere in the neighborhood.

New Business

- No new business was introduced.

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Upcoming dates of interest

New student application deadline	January 9
STEAMFest	March 18
Middle School Grandguest Day	March 22
Pre-Primary and Primary School Grandguest Day	March 24
Spring break	March 24-April 2
Fete (auction)	April 29
5th grade moving forward ceremony	June 7
End of year picnic	June 8
8th grade graduation	June 9
Summer camp session 1 begins	June 20
Summer camp session 2 begins	July 10
Summer last call camp begins	July 31

Upcoming meeting dates

- April 11, 2023
- July 11, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- January 9, 2024