Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
January 14, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Laurice Redhead
- Oliver Sockwell
- Erick Mullen
- Paula Edwards (ANC4A01)

Old Business

- No advancements have been pursued on the Fraser site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Kitchen/Lounge project has opened for use by employees. A few punch-list items remain to be completed.
  - Permit for solar panels have been obtained. We hope to begin installation within the next few weeks.
  - Work continues towards our re-accreditation, an ongoing process that increases in intensity during the renewal phase which we have substantially completed.
  - Middle School students have engaged in service-learning projects with Level Playing Field, A Wider Circle, and Adventist Community Services.
  - Primary School students have been to Politics and Prose to study the writing process and People's Books to study identity through poetry.
  - 8th grade students recently built cardboard boats and captained them in a regatta in our pool. Only two of them sank!
  - Fall athletics seasons were highly successful. Soccer and cross-country teams compete admirably region wide. Our cross-country team continues to punch well above its weight.
  - Winter athletics season began in late November. In addition to 4 MS basketball teams and 3 PS teams, we are working to assemble a MS swim team and possibly a MS swim league.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

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New Business

- Paula Edwards, ANC4A01 Commissioner (A4A01@anc.dc.gov) offered the following:
  - Due to a recent rash of construction vehicles being targeted by thieves, neighbors are asked to reach out to Paula if they will be having construction done. She will request stepped-up MPD patrols.
  - Please advise Paula with any concerns about the absence of the crossing guard at 16th and Kalmia.
  - Paula is an excellent conduit for snow removal communication Neighbors may reach out to her if they are experiencing a lack of satisfactory snow removal.

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Upcoming dates of interest

Fundraising Fete	March 1
STEAMFest	March 8 (rain date March 15)
Grandguest days	March 18-19
Spring break	March 24-28
Summer Camp Meet-the-Team and tour	April 19
Lowellapalooza	May 17 (rain date May 24)
5th grade moving forward ceremony	June 3
End of year picnic	June 4
Last day of school	June 5
Graduation	June 6
Camp session 1 begins	June 16
Camp session 2 begins	June 30
Camp session 3 begins	July 14
Camp session 4 begins	July 28

Upcoming meeting dates

- April 8, 2025
- July 8, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- January 13, 2026