Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
October 14, 2025, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Wendell Hughes

Old Business

- No advancements have been pursued on the Fraser site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Summer camp continued through August 8 when the fourth of four 2-week sessions ended. Nearly 800 individual campers participated.
  - 14 New-To-Lowell employees attended one week of onboarding sessions beginning August 18.
  - All employees returned to campus by August 24 to begin our Gearing Up for the new school year.
  - 312 students are enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year, almost identical to last year. Most began on September 2, including 26 8th graders who are slated to graduate in June.
  - All 10 members of the Administrative Team returned to Lowell for the 25-26 school year.
  - Much of Lowell's community was attended our back-to-school picnic on September 5.
  - Other back-to school rituals that have occurred: Lowell Parent Community and Parents of Students of Color kick-off meetings; parent coffees and Back-to School Nights by division level; Fall Bazaar; picture day.
  - Fall athletics kicked off during the second week of school. Girls and boys soccer and cross country are offered.
  - Aquatics program was paused after camp ended while a new HVAC system was installed in the pool area. Installation is complete and aquatics was re-started on September 29.
  - Vaccinations were offered to all employees and their families on October 7. 82 vaccinations were received.
  - Lowell's entire community has been involved with a recent strategic planning initiative. 17 priorities have been identified, and committees have been created to explore the ways the priorities may be advanced. This work will, in many cases, dovetail with the work we are already undertaking in connection with our AIMS accreditation.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- A third bus route has been added, increasing enrollment to 73 students, nearly a 50% increase over last year. The additional ridership noticeably reduces the number of cars coming through the driveway.

New Business

- No new business was offered

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Upcoming dates of interest

- Book Fair — November 8-9
- Winter athletics begin — November 11
- Grand Guest and Special Friends Day — November 14
- Fall break — November 24-28 (employees working 24, 25)
- Winter break — December 22-January 2
- Fundraising Fete — February 28
- STEAMFest — March 7

Upcoming meeting dates

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