

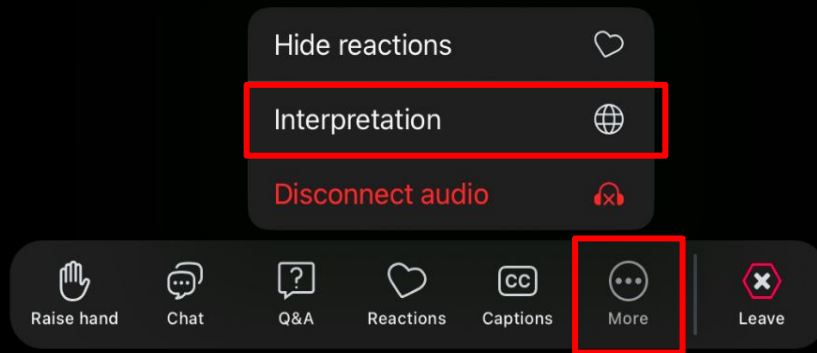
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Boston Public Schools

Philbrick Elementary Sumner Elementary Joint Sub-Committee Election & Renaming Meeting

**Office of Family & Community Advancement
Office of Capital Planning**



Welcome & Introductions

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Our Agenda

Philbrick/Sumner Joint Sub-Committee

- Review Objectives and Responsibilities for Philbrick/Sumner Joint Sub-Committee (PS-JSC)
- Share the Structure of the PS-JSC
- PS-JSC Nominations
- PS-JSC Elections for Parent and BTU Members
- PS-JSC Election Results
- Next Steps

Renaming of School (Initial Meeting)

- Review Naming Process and New District Policy
- Review Suggested Names and Presentation Order
- School Site Council Vote on School Names
 - SSC will identify 7 School Name Suggestion
- School Renaming Election Results



PS-JSC Objectives

The objective of the SSC Transition Plan is to foster a smooth and inclusive transition process by actively engaging and collaborating with members of both the Philbrick and Sumner school communities as they go through the process of merging as one, unified school community:

- ❑ To **promote shared decision-making** the PS-JSC sub-committee will review and recommend decisions impacting the 2025-2026 school year, the Philbrick/Sumner Joint Sub-Committee (PS-JSC) will function solely in an advisory capacity during the 2024-2025 school year.
- ❑ To **review and provide recommendations** impacting the 2025-2026 school year to the Philbrick and Sumner School Site Councils for a vote.
- ❑ To **provide recommendations** to the Philbrick and Sumner School Site Councils (SSCs) on items requiring a vote during the 2024-2025 school year.

Committee Members' Responsibilities

- ❑ Review and recommend key decisions that both councils must address and vote on as decided by district timelines and contractual agreements before merging in the fall of 2025 such as engaging in the budget process.
- ❑ Serve as the personnel committee for the hiring of the school leader, per circular [HRS-HS04 School Leader Screening Process.pdf](#)
- ❑ Support each school's Parent Council in drafting a merged SPC bylaw for the fall elections.
- ❑ Assist each SSC in drafting a unified bylaw for the fall elections.

Structure of the PS-JSC

Two Parents

Elected by Parent SSC Reps

- Two parents from each school, selected by parent members of the School Site Council, and representing the racial and ethnic diversity of the school's student population.
- One parent must be an elected School Site Council (SSC) or School Parent Council member

Two BTU members

Elected by BTU SSC Reps

- Two BTU members from each school from different racial groups, selected by BTU members on the School Site Council



The Nomination Process

- In order to support interpretation services, nominations and elections will happen in the main room by school community starting with Philbrick and followed by Sumner. While each school community waits for the other to complete their voting process they will enjoy light jazz in their breakout room.
- Nominations
 - We will call for nominations for parents and BTU members
 - Nominations will be accepted by self or another person
 - Those nominated by another person must accept or decline the nomination in the meeting before the vote
- Nominees will be called on to address the audience (1 min max)
 - Please introduce yourself
 - Your name
 - The grade your child is in
 - Briefly state why you are interested in participating in the PS-JSC



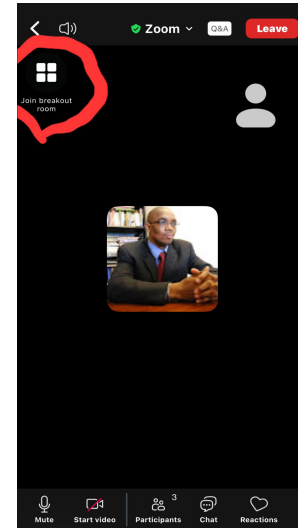
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Call for Philbrick Parent Nominations



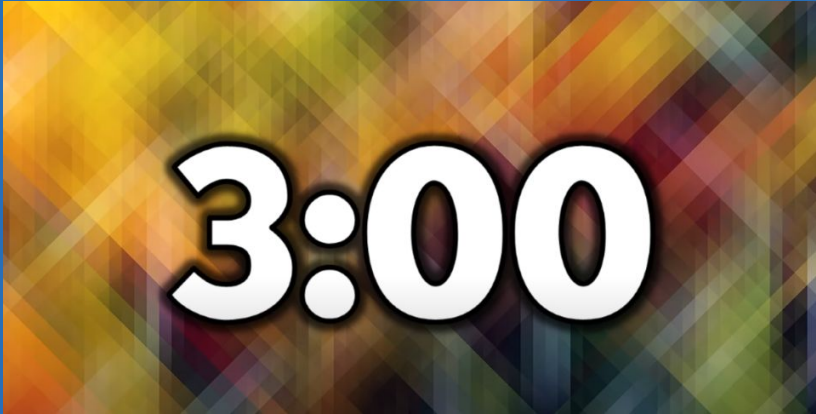


Parent Nominations

Philbrick Elementary School

Veronica Salsberg
Suzie Parmar
Cheryl Pedersen
Olaniyi Ogunbodede





□ TIME TO VOTE!

Call for Philbrick BTU Nominations



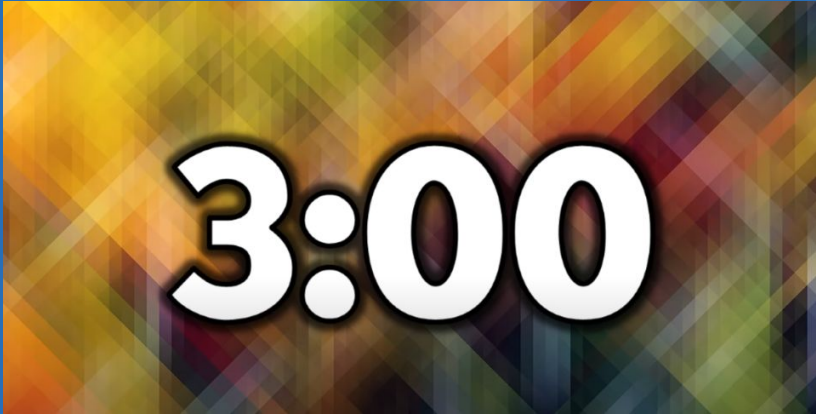


BTU Nominations

Philbrick Elementary School

Renel Jean
Ramona Brown
Dennis Wright





□ TIME TO VOTE!



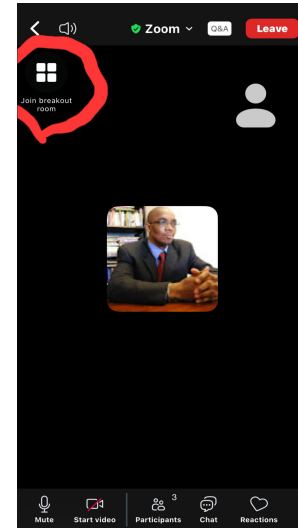
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Call for Sumner Parent Nominations





Parent Nominations

Sumner Elementary School

Michelle Saulnier
Kayla Tabela
Mimi Lai
Adalid Gonzalez
Lauren Peter





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▫ TIME TO VOTE!

Call for Sumner BTU Nominations



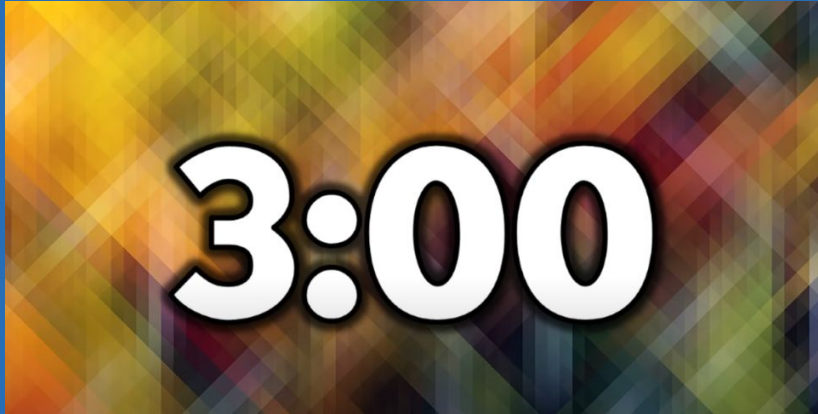


BTU Nominations

Sumner Elementary School

Nicole Smith
Jacqueline Rodriguez
Jackie Ahrens
Irischa Valentin
Jess Ellis



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▣ TIME TO VOTE!

PS-JSC Sub-Committee Election Results

Sumner

Philbrick

Parent - Suzie Parmar (4)
Parent - Veronica Salsberg (3)
Parent (Alternate) - Cheryl Pedersen (1)
BTU - Ramona Brown (2)
BTU - Dennis Wright (2)
BTU (Alternate) - Renel Jean (4)

Parent - Lauren Peter (4)
Parent - Adalid Gonzalez (3)
Parent (Alternate) - Kayla Tabela (3)
Parent - Mimi Lai (2)
Parent - Michelle Saulnier (0)
BTU - Jacqueline Rodriguez (4)
BTU - Irischa Valentin (3)
BTU (Alternate) - Jackie Ahrens (2)
BTU - Jess Ellis (2)
BTU - Nicole Smith (1)

PS-JSC NEXT STEPS

Elected members will:

- Receive an email from Lisette Santiago with the contact form.
- Participate in required trainings (More Information to Follow)

THANK YOU

School Naming



Merged School Name Agenda

- Review Naming Process Timeline
- Review District Naming Policy Change
- Review Suggested Name Data
- Introduce Presentation Order
- Proponents will present name suggestions:
 - Each proponent will be allotted **~2 minutes per name suggestion to present.**
 - The School Site Councils will be allowed **time for a brief Q&A with the proponent** about the name before voting.
- After all proponents have presented their suggestions:
 - School Site Council members will be allotted **5 minutes to vote** for their **top 7 name suggestions** via the survey **shared in an email from Katherine Santiago.**
- After the voting closes:
 - Share the survey results and the top 7 names moving forward.
 - Philbrick-Sumner community will **narrow down the name suggestions from 7 to 3 names** through a survey shared by Capital Planning.

Naming Process

Philbrick-Sumner Merged School Naming Process Timeline

Past Events:

- **January 2024:** The Merger Community Engagement Team met to discuss a process for name suggestions after reviewing the [District Naming Policy](#).
- **March 2024:** Using the Community Engagement Team's (CET) feedback we shared a drafted School Renaming process for name submissions with CET.
- **May 2024:** Hosted a community meeting to launch the Naming process and invite suggestions.
- **June-October 2024:** Advertised and accepted name suggestions at all three school buildings and across Roslindale.

What's Next:

- **December 2024:** Hosting a Joint School Site Council Meeting to accept name suggestions and for the SSC to narrow the list down to 7 possible options.
- **December 2024-January 2025:** Share a survey for the school communities to narrow down the list from 7 to 3 options.
- **January 2025:** Host a Hearing for the SSC to pick a final name suggestion.
- **January 2025:** Bring the final suggestion to the Boston School Committee for a vote.

District Naming Policy

New District Naming Policy Approved in September 2024

Changes to the policy:

On September 11, 2024 the Boston School Committee approved the policy revision in the school naming process.

The new policy requires a Letter of Recommendation to the Deputy Superintendent of Operations formally requesting the Name Change prior to being added to an SC agenda.

Name Criteria to consider:

- Honor a person who has made a significant contribution or given outstanding service to the school, the school system, the nation, or society
- Recognize the geographic section of the city in which the school is located
- Recognize the academic theme of the school
- Might combine the name of a person who has made a significant contribution to the school, the school system or the community and that of an academic theme

Suggested Names

78 Submissions

58 Suggested Names

- **22** People Related
- **5** Geographical Names
- **11** Concept/Theme Names
- **20** Current/Blended Names

22 Names are being presented today.

Suggestors:

1. Brendan McGrath
2. Sarah Hart
3. Meghan Welch & Ramona Brown
4. Jaida Ogunbodede
5. Elizabeth Ferrenz
6. Laszlo & Emily Bajcsi
7. Oliver & Whitney O'Brien
8. Nora & Acadia Friedland
9. Carla Hosking Majovski, Marian Hosking Majovski, & Rosy Hosking
10. Stephanie Golas
11. Renel Jean
12. Sarah Minkin and Dennis Wright
13. Nike, Anika, and Jamila Gramsey
14. Eleana L. Gonzalez
15. Kate Markiewicz
16. Drew Scott
17. Matthew Simoneau
18. Maximilian Boal & Mimi Lai, Patrick Sewell, Bill & Haley Barrar

Suggested Names

People Related

1. The Allan Rohan Crite School
2. Anna M. Cole School
3. Barack Obama School Of Excellence
4. Blaise Pascal School of Mathematics, Engineering and English Language Arts
5. Carmen Pola Community School
6. Harriet Tubman Elementary School
7. John Lennon Elementary School
8. Katherine Johnson Elementary School
9. Dr. Mae Jemison Elementary
10. Sarah Roberts Elementary School
11. Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School
12. Thomas M. Menino Elementary School

Geographical Names

13. Roslindale (Community/Elementary) School
14. Boston Victory School

Concept/Theme Names

1. The Future Elementary School
2. Tapestry Elementary School

All Presented by the Same Proponent

3. Dr. Antonia Pantoja Dual Language School ([People Related](#))
4. Maria W. Stewart Elementary School ([People Related](#))
5. Charles Hamilton Houston Elementary School (or Academy) for Social Justice ([People Related](#))
6. Philbrick-Sumner School for Social Justice ([Current/Blended Names](#))

Current/Blended Names

7. Washington Irving School
8. Charles Sumner Elementary

Suggestors:

1. Brendan McGrath
2. Sarah Hart
3. Meghan Welch & Ramona Brown
4. Jaida Ogunbodede

Suggested Names

The Allan Rohan Crite School

- Allan Rohan Crite (March 20, 1910 – September 6, 2007) was a Boston-based African American artist. He won several honors, such as the 350th Harvard University Anniversary Medal.

Anna M. Cole School

- Anna M. Cole has been a Matriarch of the Bromley/Mildred C. Hailey community for many decades. Her work has transformed the fight for affordable housing across the nation. Anna Cole was a school crossing guard who worked hard for affordable housing in Boston and has touched the lives of many people. She has a community center named after her which was transformed into a testing site for COVID for two years.

Barack Obama School Of Excellence

- Barack Hussein Obama II (born August 4, 1961) is an American politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. As a member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African-American president in U.S. history. Obama previously served as a U.S. senator representing Illinois from 2005 to 2008 and as an Illinois state senator from 1997 to 2004.

Blaise Pascal School of Mathematics, Engineering and English Language Arts

- Blaise Pascal was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher, and Catholic writer. In 1642, he started some pioneering work on calculating machines (called Pascal's calculators and later Pascalines), establishing him as one of the first two inventors of the mechanical calculator.

Suggestors:

1. Elizabeth Ferrenz
2. Laszlo & Emily Bajcsi
3. Oliver & Whitney O'Brien
4. Nora & Acadia Friedland

Suggested Names

Carmen Pola Community School

- Carmen Pola is a long-time Puerto Rican politician and community activist in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the first Latina to run for statewide office and the first Director of the Office of Constituent Services, a citywide office formed under Mayor Raymond Flynn.

Harriet Tubman Elementary School

- Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad. During the American Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the Union Army. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the movement for women's suffrage.

John Lennon Elementary School

- John Winston Ono Lennon was an English singer, songwriter and musician. He gained worldwide fame as the founder, co-lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist of the Beatles.

Katherine Johnson Elementary School

- Creola Katherine Johnson was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. The space agency noted her "historical role as one of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist."

Dr. Mae Jemison Elementary

- Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first African-American woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.

Suggestors:

1. Carla Hosking Majovski, Marian Hosking Majovski, and Rosy Hosking
2. Stephanie Golas
3. Renel Jean
4. Sarah Minkin and Dennis Wright
5. Nike, Anika, and Jamila Gramsey
6. Eleana L. Gonzalez

Suggested Names

Sarah Roberts Elementary School

- In 1847, Benjamin Roberts applied to the Boston Primary School Committee for his daughter, five year-old Sarah Roberts, to attend a school that educated White children closer to their home. The Committee denied his request four times. Charles Sumner represented the Roberts family.

Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School

- Phillis Wheatley Peters, also spelled Phyllis and Wheatly was an American author who is considered the first African-American author of a published book of poetry. Born in West Africa, she was kidnapped and subsequently sold into slavery at the age of seven or eight and transported to North America, where she was bought by the Wheatley family of Boston.

Thomas M. Menino Elementary School

- Thomas Michael Menino (December 27, 1942 – October 30, 2014) was an American politician who served as the mayor of Boston, from 1993 to 2014. He was the city's longest-serving mayor.

Roslindale (Community/Elementary) School

- The merged school is in the neighborhood of Roslindale.

Boston Victory School

- A school in Boston that is victorious.

The Future Elementary School

- The new school is going to be great classes for the students to learn other languages, for the students to evolve into better people, and create a better future.

Suggested Names

Dr. Antonia Pantoja Dual Language School

- Antonia Pantoja (September 13, 1922 – May 24, 2002), was a Puerto Rican educator, social worker, feminist, civil rights leader and the founder of ASPIRA, the Puerto Rican Forum, Boricua College and Producir. In 1996, she was the first Puerto Rican woman to receive the American Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Maria W. Stewart Elementary School

- Maria W. Stewart was an American teacher, journalist, abolitionist and lecturer known for her role in the anti-slavery and women's rights movements in the United States. The first known American woman to speak to a mixed audience of men and women, white and black, she was also the first African American woman to make public lectures, as well as to lecture about women's rights and make a public speech opposing slavery.

Charles Hamilton Houston Elementary School (or Academy) for Social Justice

- Charles Hamilton Houston was an American lawyer. He was the dean of Howard University Law School and NAACP first special counsel. A graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School, Houston played a significant role in dismantling Jim Crow laws, especially attacking segregation in schools and racial housing covenants. He earned the title "The Man Who Killed Jim Crow".

Philbrick-Summer School for Social Justice

- A merged name that emphasizes the theme of social justice.

Suggestors:

1. Drew Scott
2. Matthew Simoneau
3. Maximilian Boal & Mimi Lai, Patrick Sewell, Bill & Haley Barrar

Suggested Names

Tapestry Elementary School

- A name that represents the diverse backgrounds and personalities of all the students and staff.

Washington Irving School

- Washington Irving (April 3, 1783 – November 28, 1859) was an American short-story writer, essayist, biographer, historian, and diplomat of the early 19th century. He wrote the short stories "Rip Van Winkle" (1819) and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (1820).

Charles Sumner Elementary

- Charles Sumner (January 6, 1811 – March 11, 1874) was an American lawyer, politician, and statesman who represented Massachusetts in the United States Senate from 1851 until his death in 1874.

TIME TO VOTE!

**5 minutes for School Site Council
Members to fill out the ballot
form.**

Top 7 Names Moving on to the Community Survey

Please note that we will be sending out a communication with the link to the **survey** to allow the Philbrick and Sumner School Communities to narrow down these **7 names** to the **top 3**.

The survey will run from **Friday, December 20, 2024 to Friday, January 17, 2025**.

Top 7 Names

Anna Mae Cole School
Carmen Pola Community School
Harriet Tubman Elementary School
Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School
Roslindale (Community/Elementary) School
Sarah Roberts Elementary School
Thomas M. Menino Elementary School



Thank you!

Thank you so much to all of our proponents who presented and all those who submitted name suggestions. We appreciate your engagement, support, and participation throughout this process.

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RESOURCES & LINKS

[Philbrick/Sumner SSC Parent Communication](#)

[2024-2025 Philbrick/Sumner School Site Council Transition Plan](#)

[SSC/SPC Philbrick Roster](#)

[SSC/SPC Sumner Roster](#)

[SCHOOL LEADER SCREENING PROCESS](#)

[Jan 30, 2024: Summary of CET Meeting](#)

May 21, 2024: Launch of the Naming Process ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Haitian Creole](#))

June 13, 2024: Philbrick-Sumner Community Meeting ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Cape Verdean Creole](#))