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## MPS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There is a meeting tonight, March 8, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Click here for the [Meeting Notice & Agenda Packet](#).

Want to participate in public comments? Review - [How to address the Board](#) for details about the process and possibly sign-up!



## MPS Board of Education Calendar



# Parent Advisory Council Update

## Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) Update...Still Time to

During the month of February, newly formed geographically based PAC meetings were held in 4 locations. The geographical boundaries for these groups are based on the Board of Education Districts. There will be 4 PACs with this designation, **BOE 1**, **BOE 2**, **BOE 3 & 5**, **BOE 4 & 6**. PACS increase parent and family involvement in their children's education through effective communication and leadership development while empowering and advocating for all families. These groups will elect/select representatives to serve on the District Parent Advisory Council (**DPAC**). From those attending these meetings a working group is being formed to do the planning for future meetings and to begin to work on the **Charter**, which is a working agreement between the group and MPS.

This month the groups will meet and begin to plan for the April Family and Community Meeting. If you would like to be involved in a working group, let **us** know and we will share your contact information with the Community Liaison supporting that group.

There will be opportunities to form new advisory councils beginning next fall. These will be affinity groups that support academic and social-emotional success for our students. Start talking with your friends and brainstorm ideas. Go to the webpage

about **starting a new PAC**, you will find more information.

Questions or comments: Jocelyn Beard - [jocelyn.beard@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jocelyn.beard@mpls.k12.mn.us)



## Families Matter

**The Power of Pre-Meditated Parenting Series:  
Nurturing Success in Your Child: Mind, Body & Spirit with Dr. Bravada  
Akinsanya ([PDF](#))**

Wednesday, March 9, 16 and 23

5:00 p.m. - 7:30p.m.

FAIR School Downtown - 10 South - 10th Street, Minneapolis

Registration/Childcare Check-In Begins at 5:15 p.m.

Family Workshop - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Giveaways and on-site daycare provided

RSVP to FAIR Family Liaison:

Lutunji Abram at [lutunji.abram@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lutunji.abram@mpls.k12.mn.us) or 612-668-1084





## MPS African American Parent Advisory Council



Increasing student academic and social emotional success requires family involvement and voice in our homes, schools and district.

Parent Advisory Councils are a place for families to come together around shared interests and passions focused on student success.

- PACs use their voice to create and influence district policies, practices and programs.
- PACs are a friendly place to learn about district issues, have conversations with other families and community members.
- PACs are growing to include geography and LGBTQ interest groups this year.



PACs are designed to create equity by providing access to families where it works best for them.

- By valuing, supporting, and allowing time for families to share their knowledge.

**Join the Discussion!** (all meetings are from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Chickaree, Interpretation & light dinner provided)

Thursday, March 24 @ Emerge Career & Technology Center - 1834 Emerson Avenue North  
 Thursday, April 21 @ CANDO- Central Area Neighborhood Dev. Org. - 3736 Chicago Ave South  
 Thursday, May 12 - Location to be Determined

Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement | <http://sfc@mpsk12.mn.us> | <http://www.mpsk12.mn.us/sfc>  
 Office Black Male Student Achievement | <http://www.mpsk12.mn.us/obmsa>

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**NOW RECRUITING: YOUTH PROGRAMS**

*College Readiness Workshops and Coaching*

**Juniors and Seniors in high school AND their parents join us to learn more about preparing for college! WORKSHOPS ARE FREE!**

**When: First Thursday of each month 4:30 - 6pm, through May 5**

**March 10th:** FAFSA presentation - we will help participants create FSA IDs and talk about what they need to file the FAFSA. We will then help them file the FAFSA in follow up appointments.

**April 7th:** College entrance exams

**May 5th:** Alternatives to college

Also available - one-on-one appointments to discuss college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, assistance with FAFSA, and guidance in working towards a GED.

**Where: EMERGE Career & Technology Center - 1834 Emerson Ave North, Minneapolis, MN 55411**

**Pizza and refreshments served!**

Contact Suzy Lamoreaux - 763-251-0374  
 or Margaret Moore - 612-787-3779

(612) 529-9287 | [info@emerge-mn.org](mailto:info@emerge-mn.org) | [www.emerge-mn.org](http://www.emerge-mn.org) | Emerge Community Development

### Join Us for the AAPAC Meeting [\(PDF\)](#)

**March 24 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Emerge Career & Technology Center  
 1834 Emerson Avenue North

### Community Workshop [\(PDF\)](#)

Beginning March 10 - workshops for Juniors and Seniors and their families.



**EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES**

Spring Break Session  
 March 28 - April 1 2016

SIGN UP NOW

### [Spring Break Session 2016](#)

Students can catch up on some work with short school days, small class sizes, new friends, free meals and field trips. Click for more information on how to sign up and participating schools.

**2nd Annual**

Thomas Edison High School  
 700 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55412

Join us! **March 16, 2016 6:30 p.m.**

**NE Band Festival**

FEATURING...

- Edison High School Concert Band
- Edison High School Rock Band
- Northeast Middle School Band
- Northeast Middle School Band
- Philly Elementary School Band
- Wylie Park Elementary School Band
- Stacey Open School Band
- Northeast Minneapolis Community Band

FREE ADMISSION!  
Light refreshments served prior to performance.

### [2nd Annual NE Band Festival](#)

Great time to enjoy and support our talented students next Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.! Light refreshments prior to performance.

**WHAT'S UP 612!**

Afterschool & Beyond.

### [Find Things to Do in The 612!](#)

What's Up 612! is an online resource of things to do in Minneapolis. The program finder is a citywide resource where youth, parents, educators, youth workers and persons who know young people can find afterschool and summer activities for children and young adults ages 5-21..



This resource was created as a way to provide information about MPS initiatives, programs and meetings that may interest you. On occasion community specific events and opportunities will be highlighted here, as well. Information will be shared here on the many ways to be involved at your child's school, such as Site Council and Volunteering, in addition to district level parent meetings. We do our best to stay current and provide relevant information, however, if there are topics you would like to see covered, please feel free to let me know. Jocelyn Beard, Community Liaison - [jocelyn.beard@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jocelyn.beard@mpls.k12.mn.us).



**INTERESTED IN SITE COUNCIL? CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!**



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