



**District
Parent Council**



Auburn
Enlarged City School District

District Parent Council Agenda

10/6/25

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Board Room at Harriet Tubman Administration Building

DPC Mission Statement

The District Parent Council, in partnership with the Auburn Enlarged City School District, will act as a forum for communication and support between members of the school community in order to benefit all students.

AECSD Mission Statement

The mission of the Auburn Enlarged City School District is to develop citizens who are capable of meeting the challenges of their future by providing equitable, fiscally sound educational opportunities necessary to develop confident, life-long learners.

Topics: - Elementary Cell Phone Policy - Amplify		Attendees: A.Mahunik, M.Slavic, K.DiVitreo, N.Romeo, R.Kott, A.Mitchell, R.Darling, E.Langton, J.VanArsdale Chairperson: J.Sheppard First Vice Chair: Renate Mandy Second Vice Chair: Taylor Symes Secretary: Christine Siddall
Meeting Objectives: Discuss/Share ❖ Review & Discuss: - Elementary Cell Phone Policy - Amplify ❖ Share, Discuss, & Decide: - November Meeting Topic - PTO Procedures and Policies Suggested		
Schedule		
Time	Minutes	Activity/Tasks
6:30 - 6:35	10 mins	Welcome / Group Norms/ Introductions
6:35 - 6:50	10 mins	Elementary Cell Phone Policy Update: Elementary teachers stated that students know the routines now, students come in and place their phones in zip pouches and kept in black locked bag. Bags are numbered for each student k-6. Only 2 referrals for cell phone usage in all 5 elementary buildings. AJHS has had no cell phone policy since last year. This



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		year, students are complying-no issues. Very few referrals (defiance).
6:40 - 7:16	30 mins	• Amplify CKLA For Parents: Karen DiVietro and representatives from Herman (R.Kott) and Casey Park (E.Langton, R.Darling, A.Mitchell) presented on CKLA, the new reading program for k-2. Karen DiVeitro discussed and explained the program (presentation attached to minutes email) and discussed the science of reading. • Teachers discussed aspects of the program. Question asked if most children who were in CKLA pilot program did not regress over the summer. Looped classroom had very little “summer slide”. Kindergarten classes at Casey Park had “Nursery Rhyme Olympics”. The program allows for creativity to solidify student learning. Games and activities are embedded in the CKLA program. Children enjoy the activities. The knowledge component which fortifies language and background knowledge helps with comprehension even if a student has a word recognition deficit. Third grade has a foundational skills component to close any word recognition (decoding) skills. Teachers states that the children are loving the stories in both the skills and knowledge units.
7:16 - 7:30	10 mins	• Superintendent Update: Attendance push. Sarah Passarello is starting an attendance committee to address attendance. Attendance data analyzed to determine trends, etc. Attendance will be public to illustrate the importance of attendance. For walking schools, oftentimes attendance is dependent on the weather. Question about car pools for students-school district cannot push that out due to legalities. Relationships with staff is huge-students will come to school when they know that someone at school has a connection with them and is happy to see them. • Culture and Climate meeting update: slogan Maroons give 100% 100% of the time, 100% is relative. Give it your all, whatever that is. Buildings are “shouting out” via email staff members identified as giving 100%. Next step: posters for community businesses to incorporate an incentive for students. • Next month’s agenda topic will be PTO/PTA procedures, guidelines, etc.

The next DPC Meeting will be on November 3rd, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, Board Room at Harriet Tubman Administration Building

Agenda topic: PTO general guidelines/procedures /by-laws