

Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent (PACS)

Key Communications

Oct. 14, 2021

Via zoom

Each school has two representatives on this committee.
Amber Asbjornsen and Elizabeth Walther are co-chairs.

We are here to learn, have discussions and give input to the superintendent. Please take information back to each of your schools to share.

Please work with your principal to arrange for a parent substitute to attend PACS if you are unable to attend.

Co-chairs Amber Asbjornsen and Elizabeth Walther welcomed the group and asked members to participate in an icebreaker activity.

- Dr. Baker shared the purpose and overview of PACS, which is to engage with the district and leaders, share feedback and hear updates/information about initiatives and programs. We ask representatives to help serve as key communicators to school communities. PACS reps also serve as thought partners and Dr. Baker and others may ask for feedback. We will continue to weigh pros/cons about meeting in person and there may be opportunities for school tours.
- not over and challenges still exist, but things feel joyful and hopeful in our schools.
- We opened new Alderwood and Parkview elementary schools this fall, and Dr. Baker shared some photos of these new facilities and current construction at Sunnyland. He also shared architect renderings of the new District Office on Barkley Blvd.
- We have a new [facilities planning task force](#) that is meeting right now and includes students, staff, leaders,

- We continue to focus on [mitigations strategies against COVID-19](#), including masking and vaccinations. We have had great success verifying vaccination status of employees after the governor mandated that all school district employees be vaccinated by Oct. 18. We are hopeful that our youngest students will soon be eligible for vaccinations, and we continue to increase access to testing in our schools.