

School, Family & Community Partnership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:00 PM

BOE Auditorium and via Zoom Meeting Platform, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Activate Well Being**
5. **School Community Shout Out**
6. **SFCP Goal and Action Plan Report and Updates**
7. **Community Partnerships Reports**
8. **Adjournment**

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the SFCP Committee Meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please go to: [3/26/25-SFCP Meeting Recording](#).



School, Family, and Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 26, 2025

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education School, Family, and Community Partnership Committee was held on March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Committee members: Maria Simmons, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, and Jennifer Van Gorder

ALSO, PRESENT Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, Acting Superintendent Iris White, Acting Deputy Mary Hawk, Dr. Ryan Broderick

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Van Gorder and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, the minutes from February 26, 2025, were approved.

3. Public Comment:

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Activate Well-Being:

Group activity to break the ice and get started.

5. SFCP Goal and Action Plan Report and Updates:

Dr. Ryan Broderick gave a quick update on the following:

- Panorama Survey in the Spring
- Spring conferences completed - student-led conferences
- March 18th, a Mental Health Fair was held at BEHS
- District Climate Camp in July
- Guardian University will be offered to families with varying topics such as School/Home partnerships, Avoiding the summer slide, Internet safety and guidance, limiting tech to kids, etc.

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the SFCP Committee Meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please go to: [3/26/25-SFCP Meeting Recording](#).

6. Community Partnerships Reports:

Dr. Joshua Medeiros spoke about the Community Partnership BPS has with Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services. He outlined all of the programs that are offered to the Bristol Community. He recommended checking out the website for all of the information that he spoke about this evening. Visit www.bristolct.myrec.com.

7. Staff and Student Recognition:

This topic was added as a discussion item to explore recognition within the district and an idea of having a monthly recognition per school or a few schools per month to celebrate a student, certified staff member, and non-certified staff member. It's an idea that needs more discussion after hearing feedback from the Administrators and Board Commissioners.

8. Role of Liaisons:

This topic was added as a discussion item to explore the role of the Liaisons and the partnerships with principals. Possibly redefining the role in the future. More discussion on this needs to be done after hearing feedback from the Administrators and Board Commissioners.

9. Adjournment:

The School, Family, Community Partnerships Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by Commissioner Simmons.

Submitted by:

Michelle L. Crowley

Recording Secretary

Bristol Board of Education

Bristol Public Schools

School, Community, and Family Partnerships



April 23, 2025
Monthly Update

School, Community, and Family Partnerships

Committee Goal: During the 2024-2025 school year, the School-Family-Community-Partnerships Committee will actively engage members of the Bristol and education community to help inform the Committee's work to improve student social, emotional, and academic outcomes through reviewing and monitoring the School-Family-Community Partnerships' action plan, district action plans, and communications targeted to district stakeholders.



Student-Led Conferences

- Ivy Drive, Hubbell
- Other principals have shown interest in shifting to this model
 - CHMS, BCHS, BEHS

“Students are excited to present their student-led parent/teacher conference. It is fun to see student work samples from the fall to the spring that show growth within their educational personal goals that are also discussed at the conference. BARK Code behavior & attendance is also connected with SEL personal goals that students discuss. Overall, it is a positive experience and leads to high parent participation due to the fact that students want to go to conferences and that encourages parents to make it a priority.” - Principal DeLeo

Student-Led Conferences

- Each student prepares a portfolio showcasing achievements across academic subjects, specials, and social-emotional learning, aligned with the school's core values.
- Portfolios highlight academic progress and provide a space for students to reflect and set personal goals.
- During conferences, students lead discussions about their portfolios with parents and teachers, promoting ownership of their learning.
- At the end of the school year, students take home their portfolios to showcase their academic and SEL journey.
- Measurable growth has been observed in both academic performance and social-emotional skills.
- Positive feedback from parents has been received.
- These schools plan to continue and expand the use of this model to further enhance community involvement in student learning.




BPS' Strategic Plan

Priority 3: Family and Community Engagement

Indicator of Success: By 2030, 80% of parents, staff, and students will participate in the bi-annual school climate survey.

Fall 2024: All Survey Results

▲ Name	Panorama Social-Emotional Learning: Student Competency & Well-Being ◆ Measures	Family-School Relationships ◆ Survey- Fall 2024	Panorama School ◆ Climate Survey	Panorama Teacher and Staff ◆ Survey - Fall 2024
	Bristol Public Schools	69.6% - 4021/5775	749 responses	72.6% - 4189/5769 402 responses



BPS' Strategic Plan

Priority 3: Family and Community Engagement

Indicator of Success: By 2030, 90% of families will respond positively to questions 6-9 in the “barriers to engagement” component of the bi-annual climate survey.

Update

- Panorama Survey will be administered during the 2nd week of May

Baseline Fall 2024

QUESTION ➤ How big of a problem is the following issue for becoming involved with your child's current school: You feel unsure about how to communicate with the school?	89% ¹ responded favorably	▲ 5 from Spring 2024
QUESTION ➤ How big of a problem is the following issue for becoming involved with your child's current school: The school provides little information about involvement opportunities?	86% ¹ responded favorably	▲ 4 from Spring 2024
QUESTION ➤ How big of a problem is the following issue for becoming involved with your child's current school: The school is not welcoming to parents?	89% ¹ responded favorably	▲ 2 from Spring 2024
QUESTION ➤ How big of a problem is the following issue for becoming involved with your child's current school: The school does not communicate well with people from your culture?	94% ¹ responded favorably	▲ 1 from Spring 2024



BPS' Strategic Plan

Priority 3: Family and Community Engagement

Indicator of Success: By 2030, 88% of students will perform favorable on “sense of belonging” on the bi-annual climate survey.



Update

- Panorama Survey will be administered during the 2nd week of May

BPS' Strategic Plan

Priority 3: Family and Community Engagement

Indicator of Success: By 2030, one school team per school and the district team will be trained in evidence-based strategies to support learning at home and in the community.



Dr. Joyce Epstein
(Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships)

- District, BCHS, CHMS, NEMS, WB



Learning Heroes - Family Engagement Learning
Institute

- District, BEHS, SSS, BPA

Update

- These schools are wrapping up this training for SY 24-25.

BPS' Strategic Plan

Priority 3: Family and Community Engagement

Indicator of Success: By 2030, one school team per school and the district team will be trained in evidence-based strategies to support learning at home and in the community.

Welcoming Walkthroughs to Begin in Five Schools

- West Bristol, Hubbell, BEHS, NEMS, Ivy, Mountain View, and Edgewood Pre-K Academy
- Aims to improve family involvement by making schools feel like a welcoming, family-like environment
- Encourages schools to celebrate community diversity and create inviting spaces for all families
- Focuses on building strong school-family partnerships to positively impact student achievement



S-F-C-P Goals

Goal 4: Work with the Superintendent to and/or designee to identify areas of policy & resources necessary to carry out district priorities related to family and community engagement.

Climate Camp Update

- Climate Camp planning is progressing smoothly, with the Keynote speaker now confirmed (George Otero - Center for Relational Learning)
- For the first time, each school can bring guardians to participate.
 - The goal is to encourage guardian involvement in school climate teams, aligning with new climate legislation.
- July 14th and July 15th



S-F-C-P Goals

Goal 5: Committee will actively engage members of the Bristol and education community to help inform the committee's work.

Family Engagement Events Overview

- The first of three engagement events is now scheduled.
- Event #1: Nutrition & Cooking Night
 - Filled within 20 minutes
 - Serving 50 families
 - Includes giveaways
- Upcoming Parent Sessions:
 - QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training
 - Anxiety workshop
 - Both include giveaways
 - Funded by a grant received in January
- All sessions are offered in English and Spanish and are in partnership with:
 - Bristol Hospital
 - Wheeler Clinic
 - Youth Services



S-F-C-P Goals

Goal 5: Committee will actively engage members of the Bristol and education community to help inform the committee's work.

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 30TH

NUTRITION FAMILY WORKSHOP

FREE!

MAY 9TH
5:30PM-7:30PM
BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



ATTENTION ALL BPS FAMILIES!
JOIN US FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL NUTRITION WORKSHOP, LED BY A NUTRITIONIST FROM BRISTOL HOSPITAL!

TOGETHER, WE'LL CREATE A DELICIOUS AND HEALTHY SNACK WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION.

FIRST 50 REGISTERED FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE A \$50 GROCERY GIFT CARD & CHILDREN'S COOKING KIT

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Bristol Health **BPS**


CHILDREN MUST ATTEND WITH AN ADULT GUARDIAN.

FREE!

Your Child & Anxiety

A FREE WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO HELP PARENTS RETHINK HOW ANXIETY AFFECTS CHILDREN AND HOW TO BEST OFFER SUPPORT

MAY 14TH, 2025
BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
5:30-6:30PM



SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL 30TH


Wheeler **BPS**

FREE!

QPR Question. Persuade. Refer. for Youth & Families

QPR IS A LIFESAVING, EVIDENCE-BASED SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM. LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY IN ITS MOST CRITICAL MOMENTS.


YOU WILL LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THE WARNING SIGNS AND RISK FACTORS FOR SUICIDE, HOW TO INTERVENE AND ASK DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WHEN SOMEONE IS AT RISK, AND HOW TO REFER INDIVIDUALS TO APPROPRIATE LIFESAVING RESOURCES.



**BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MAY 7TH, 2025**

**5:30PM ENGLISH
7:00PM EN ESPAÑOL**

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK TO REGISTER



BPS

S-F-C-P Goals

Goal 5: Committee will actively engage members of the Bristol and education community to help inform the committee's work.

Updates

- **Monthly meetings include presentations from community agencies.**
 - Family Resource Center
 - Bristol Youth Services

Questions/Discussion



Thank you!