

HAYNES SCHOOL COUNCIL WANTS YOU!

The Haynes School community will be electing a parent to serve as a representative on the Haynes School Council.

The Haynes School Council is a representative committee composed of the Haynes staff members, parent representatives and one or more community members. The Council operates in accordance with and under the provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993 (MGL Ch. 71 Section 59C).

The School Council has three main purposes and responsibilities:

1. Assist and advise the principal in identifying educational needs of students attending the school
2. Assist the principal in reviewing the annual school budget
3. Assist the principal in formulating the School Improvement Plan

Eight members, including the principal, two faculty/staff representatives elected by the faculty/staff, three parent representatives elected by the parent community through the Haynes Organization of Parents, and one or more community members, appointed by the principal. All members (except the principal) serve two-year terms. The School Council is co-chaired by the building principal with membership, which includes parents, teachers and community members.

The School Council meets approximately once a month, and at least once each quarter. The first meeting of the Council takes place no later than forty days after the opening of each school year.

Most recently, the Haynes School Council has worked to lead or support the following initiatives and improvements:

- Participated in the design and implementation of the new playground which provided new equipment and access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Helped plan and design a new parent pick-up and drop-off traffic pattern that included the access lane in front of the school
- Enhanced communications between Haynes and the community on topics such as education of parents on the effects of screen time on children which included showing the movie "Screenagers"
- Participated in the communication and overall transition to our new principal

Applications are due Monday, September 24, 2018. To apply, submit a letter of interest to Emily Amico at eamico22@aol.com. Include a short biography and candidate statement that will be used on the voting ballot. The election will be held from Tuesday, September 25 to Monday, October 1, with all ballots due by 5 p.m. on October 1.