



Putnam Avenue Upper School

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Hello PAUS Community and Families,

Below are some updates about our participation this year in the Boys to Men Leadership Brunch and COSEBOC.

Boys to Men Leadership Brunch 2018

On June 2nd, in partnership with the Cambridge Public Health Alliance and the Men’s Health League, we hosted the 10th Annual Boys to Men Leadership Brunch. There were over 100 participants from Boston and Cambridge, including Dr. Salim; Fred Fantini; Police Commissioner Branville G. Bard; Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley; Conan Harris, Director of the My Brother's Keeper Initiative; and Donkor Minors, Director of the BPS 10 Boys Initiative. The event was catered by the Middle East Restaurant and featured a power panel discussion and breakout sessions, which were facilitated by our very own Jiar Ahmed.

COSEBOC 2018

On May 29th, we had the honor of hosting participants from the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color Conference (COSEBOC). Participants were able to engage in a number of sessions aimed at making our practices around supporting young men of color visible. Highlighting and modeling the instructional strategies of choice and movement, visitors had opportunities both within sessions and within the day to choose their own path, move about the room and building, and to collaborate with one another while learning about a variety of supports and structures that are part of our practice at Putnam Avenue: Boys’ Groups, Partnerships with the Cambridge Police Department and the David Walker Scholars of the Harvard Black Men’s Forum, Restorative Practices, Stories of Self, and the instructional practices of our Math Department--which is comprised of all men of color. See below for the schedule.

| SCHEDULE | | | |
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| Time | What | Where | Who |
| 9:00am - 9:25am | Welcome & Overview | Library | PAUS Administrative Team - Mirko Chardin, Founding Head of School; Pamela Chu-Sheriff, Founding Asst. Principal; Christina Farese, Instructional Coach |
| 9:30am - 9:55am Option # 1 | Math Dept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going the Extra Mile • Instruction and Engagement • Relationship | Media Lab | Chris Godfrey, 6th Gr. Math Teacher; Kareem Cutler, 7th Gr. Math Teacher; PAUS Students |
| 9:30am - 9:55am Option # 2 | Boys Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselor-led Group • Teacher-led Group • Principal-led Group | STEAM Room | Jiar Ahmed, Adjustment Counselor; Joanne Edouard, Guidance Counselor; PAUS Students |
| 10:00am - 10:25am Option # 1 | Partnership with Cambridge Police Department/School Resource Officer | STEAM Room | Det. Gus Lopez, Cambridge Police Dept.; Officer Che Santos, Cambridge Police Dept. |

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Sessions in Action



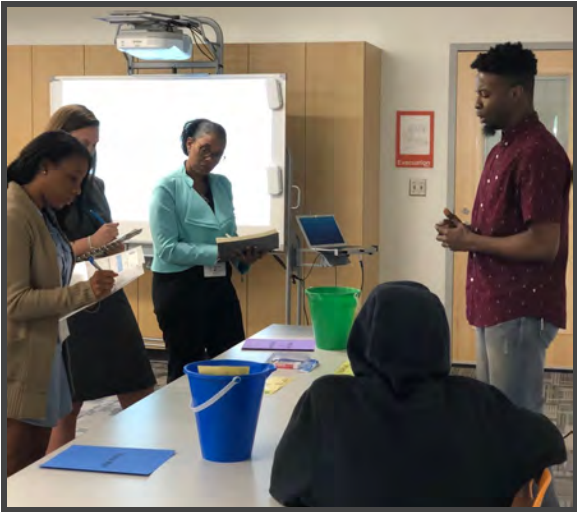
Mr. Chardin welcoming COSEBOC attendees and overviewing our core values.



Mr. Ahmed leading participants in a restorative circle.



PAUS Math teachers, Mr. Cutler (7th Grade) and Mr. Godfrey (6th Grade), sharing their expertise with COSEBOC visitors.





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Mr. Ahmed (School Adjustment Counselor), Ms. Edouard (Guidance Counselor), and students discussing the impact of partnerships with the David Walker Scholars, as well as the importance of Boys' Groups.



Graduating 8th Grader, Jakwan Hossain, sharing his story of self with participants.

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Ms. Chu-Sheriff sharing about Restorative Practices at Putnam Ave.



Mr. Chardin closing the visit by discussing the importance of identity and Stories of Self.

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Participant Feedback



- *Thank you. Today has been one of the most impactful experiences of my educational career. I have learned innovative ways build partnerships with all stakeholders. It is my plan to develop a clear criteria for success in my own school district that values the interconnection of systems, platforms, staff, students, and community. I am changed.*
- Loved the entire visit. Thank you all for being authentic and for allowing us to hear directly from the students. Beautiful facility and school community.
- Presentations felt intimate, purposeful, and thoughtful
- The activities we experienced this morning truly modeled and cultivated the core elements of education. We teach children not solely content. This has been truly inspiring.
- I was super impressed by the thoughtfulness of the pieces of your school that we got to see from the Math teachers to the Youth Officers -- Thank you!
- *Thank you so much for having us! I really appreciate the time you put into giving us a glimpse of the many incredible things happening here, as well as the inclusion of many different voices.*