The minutes presented within this document summarize the discussion of the School, Family and Community Partnerships Committee meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports, please click the following link: https://zoom.us/i/95286580703?pwd=V1BWOVhESXorZ1YxeE54M01HeWFsQT09



School, Family and Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Minutes September 24, 2025

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education School, Family and Community Partnership Committee was held on September 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform

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

ALSO, PRESENT: Deputy Superintendent Mary Hawk

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

2. Approval of Minutes:

August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes approval was moved to next month's meeting.

3. Public Comments:

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Activate Well-Being:

Group activity to break the ice and get started

5. Community Partnerships Reports

Our special guests were Captain Junee and Captain Fitch from the Salvation Army.

Captain Fitch provided detailed information about partnering with the Salvation Army on volunteer opportunities, camp programs and employment for high school students from October through May.

6. School Community Shout Out

There were one shout-outs:

1. Lindsey DiPietro at BAIMS from Commissioner Simmons.

7. SFCP Goal and Action Plan

The committee will rework the goal language with the updated ByLaw Language. The

committee reviewed the School Family Community Partnerships Goal and Action Plan.

With the one-year mark approaching, members reflected on whether the goals taken from

the bylaws had been met and how well the work has supported the school community.

Progress was noted in areas such as community engagement, family involvement, and

partnerships with local organizations. Regular reports and presentations were seen as

strengths, while challenges remain in improving communication tools like Parent Square

and reaching more stakeholders.

The committee agreed to take a closer look at its goals and responsibilities to be sure they

match district values and priorities. A deeper discussion will take place in October to

identify where improvements can be made, consider possible policy updates, and

strengthen how committee work is shared with the full Board.

8. Adjournment:

The School, Family, Community Partnerships Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by

Commissioners Simmons

Respectfully Submitted,

Shina Showbak

Recording Secretary

Bristol Board of Education