



Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, June 6, 2022

6:00 p.m.

City Council Chamber

The Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 pm that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87161020866> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 871 6102 0866

Item scheduled for discussion:

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#293-22

Review and potential amendment to the Tiger Permit Program

COUNCILORS BOWMAN, ALBRIGHT, DOWNS, NORTON, OLIVER, AND DANBERG seeking a review and potential amendment to the Tiger Parking Permit Program (Sec. TPR-204. Newton North High School Tiger Parking Permits) including a review of the number of permits issued, the lottery process for permits and locations included in the Tiger Parking Permit Program and potential amendment to the fees associated with the Tiger Parking Permit Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Andreae Downs, Chair of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair of the Finance Committee

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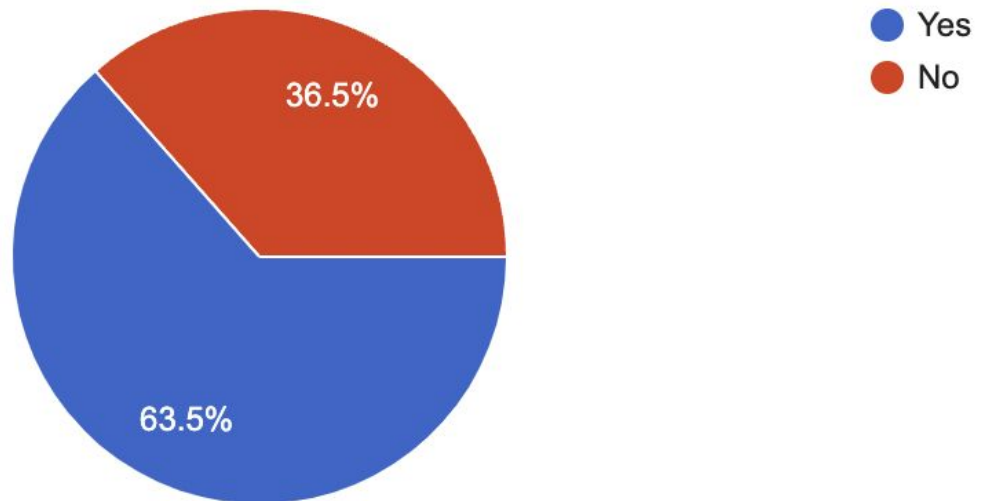
Parking Survey Results

Newton North High School

Seniors

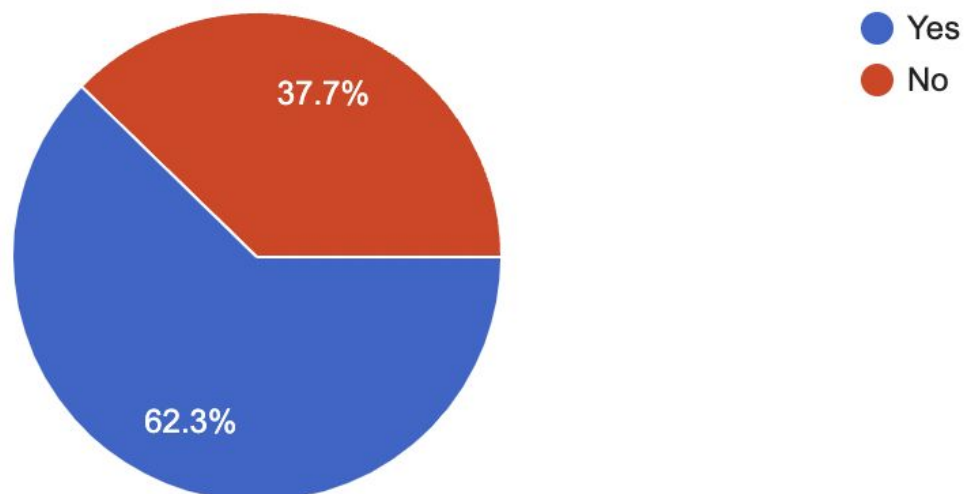
Do you currently have a parking permit for the year 2021-2022?

115 responses



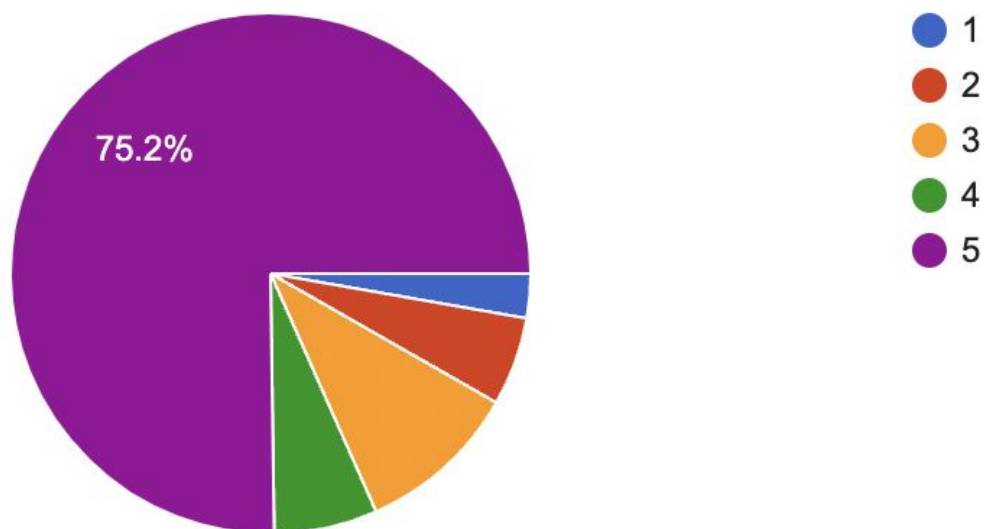
If not, did you enter the permit lottery for the year 2021-2022??

53 responses



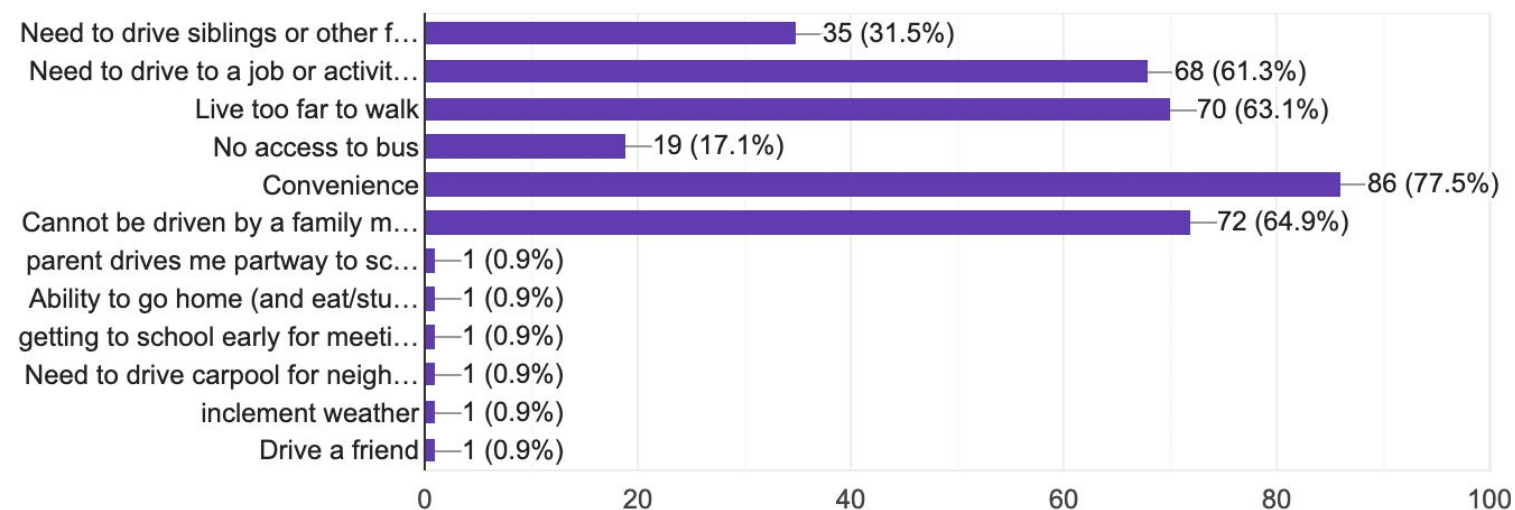
How many days a week (on average) do you drive to school?

109 responses



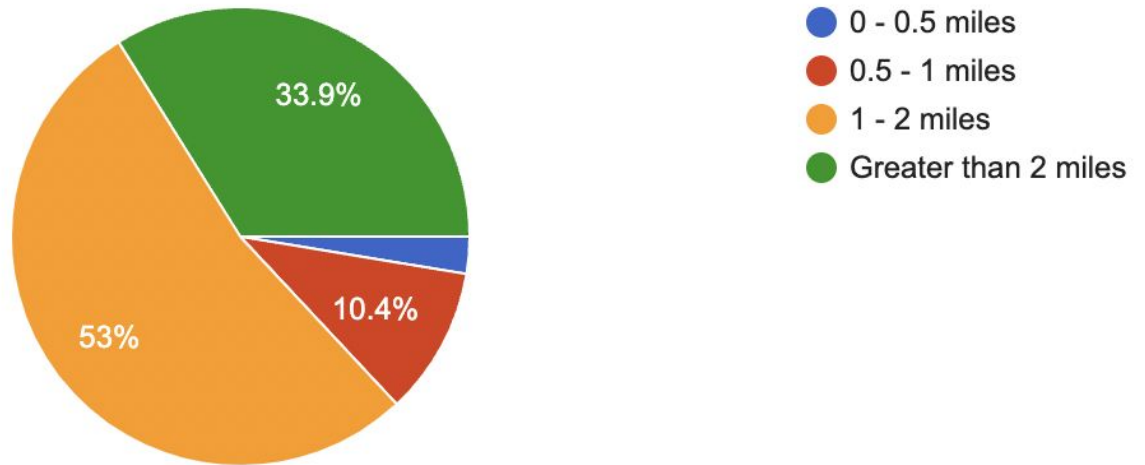
Why do you drive to school? Select all that apply.

111 responses



How far away do you live from school?

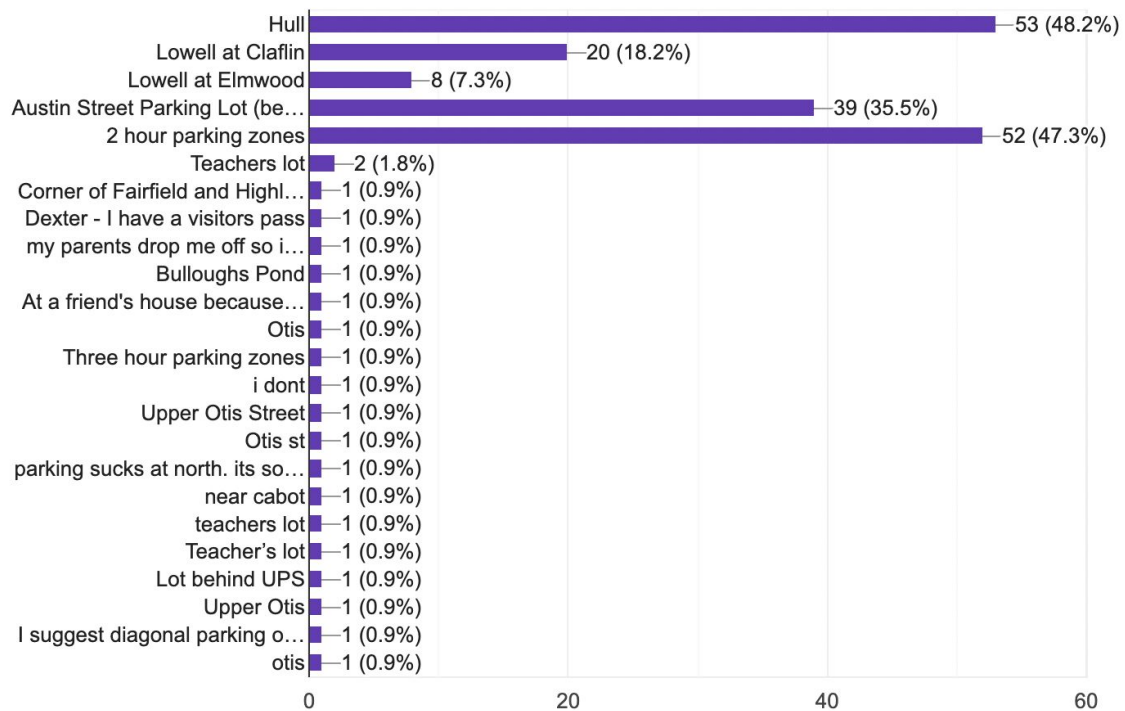
115 responses



Where do you typically park (please be honest!)? Select all that apply.



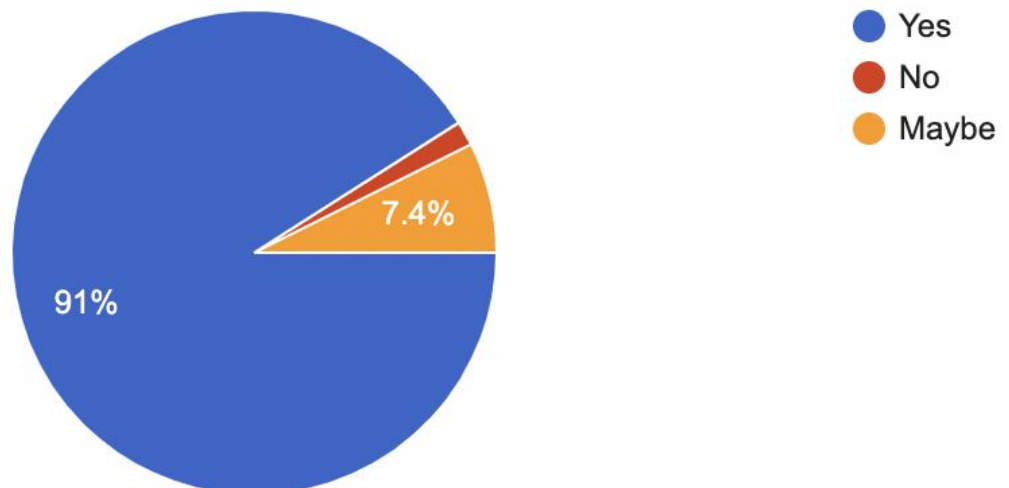
110 responses



Juniors

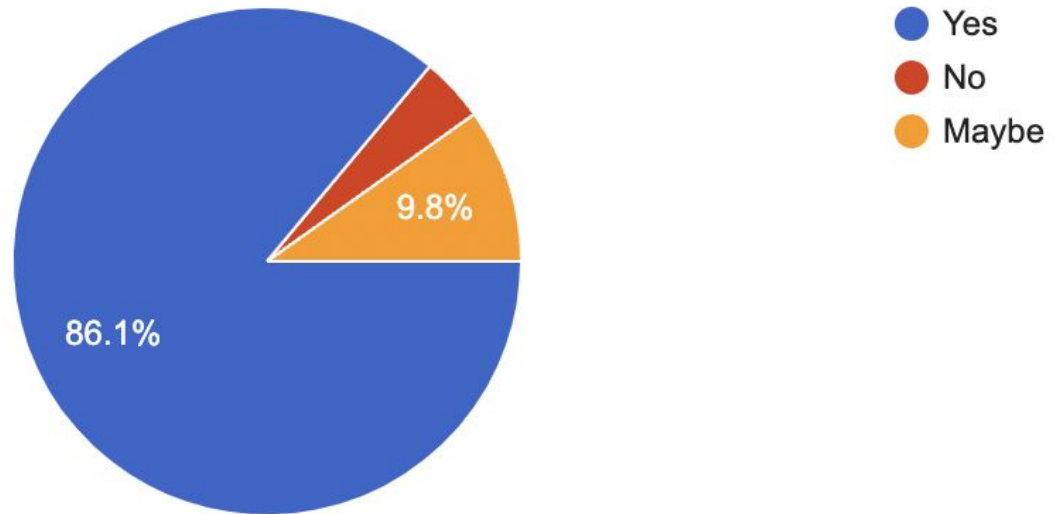
Will you have a driver's license by August 1, 2022?

122 responses



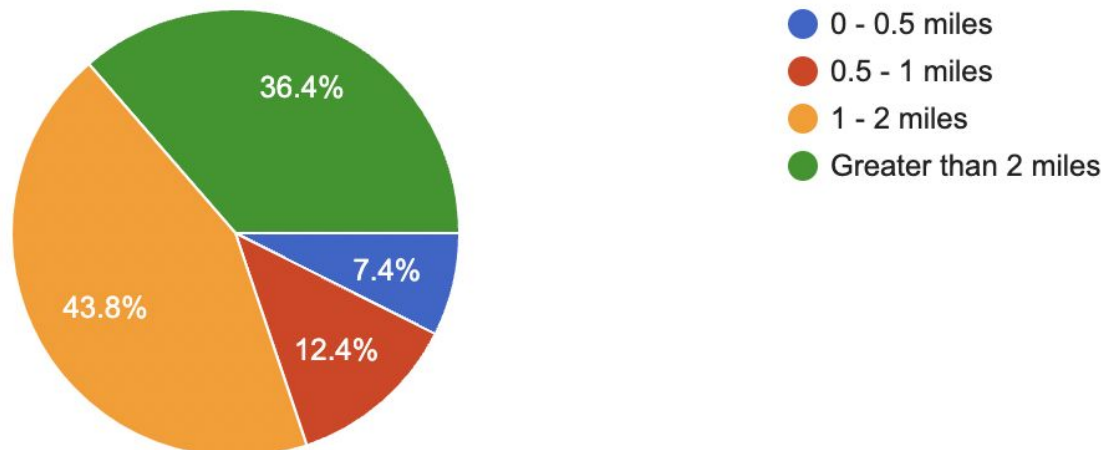
Are you planning on entering the lottery for a parking permit?

122 responses



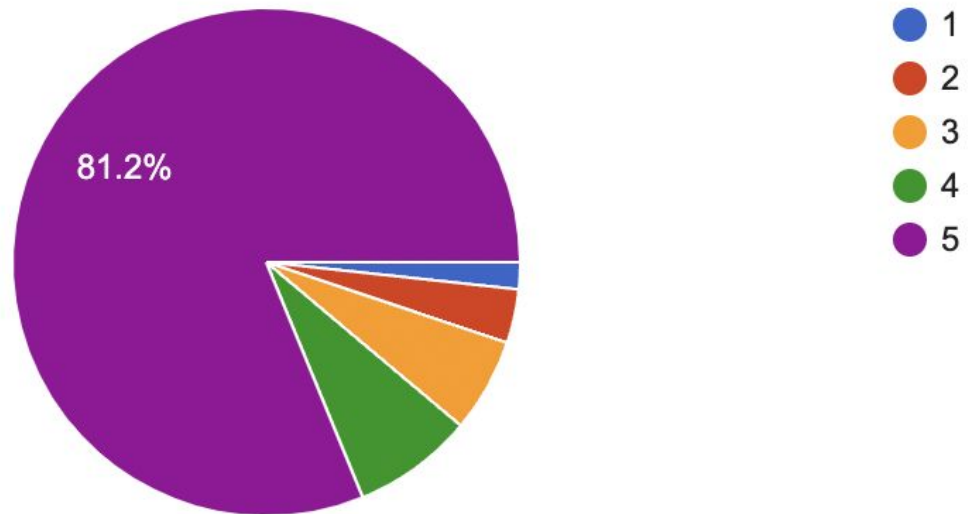
How far away do you live from school?

121 responses



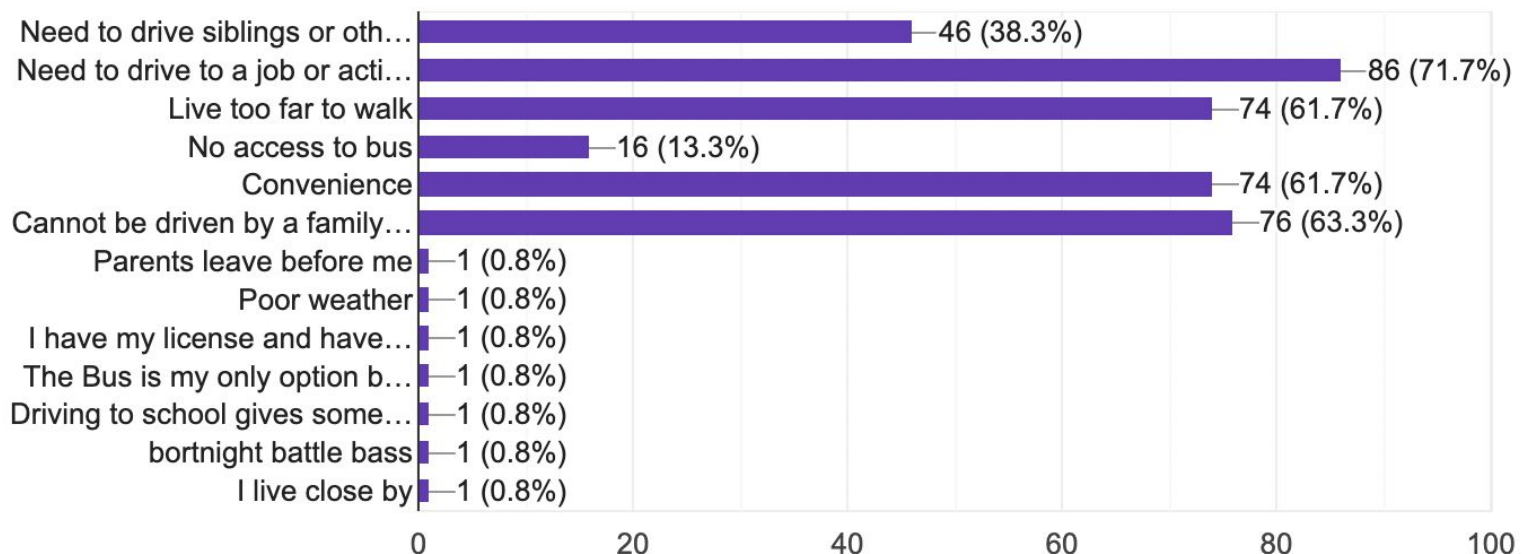
How many days a week (on average) do you plan to drive to school?

117 responses



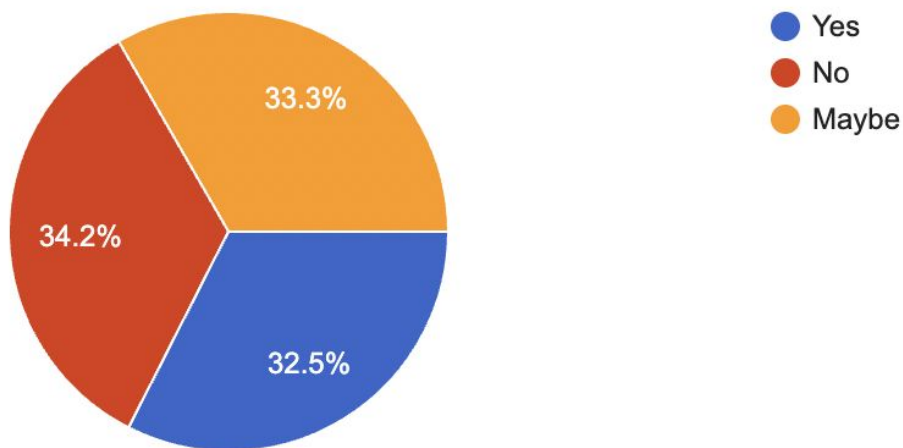
If you plan to drive to school, why will you drive to school? Select all that apply.

120 responses



The parking permit price for a Tiger Permit is currently \$25 for the year. NSHS students pay \$175 per semester (\$350 for the year). A bus pass is \$350 for the year. Therefore the city is exploring increasing the price of the Tiger Permit. Would you still enter the lottery for the parking permit if the price increases to \$175 for the year?

120 responses



Should we increase the # of permits from 150 to 180?

Not enough students replied to the google form to get a strong estimate of how many juniors will apply for a parking permit, but comparing the junior google form to the senior google form, it seems like a larger majority of juniors are thinking about applying for one next year. Furthermore, this past year, not all of the seniors who applied for a parking permit received one. This supports the idea of increasing the number of parking permits from 150-180.

Should those extra 30 permits be given to Ms. Winston to use with discretion after the lottery (based on need)?

Based on the data from the google form, most students who have a parking permit have a valid reason for needing one (see previous slides). There are likely students who did not get a parking permit in the lottery that also need one, so I think it makes sense for Ms. Winston to distribute the 30 bonus permits based on need. Even if 30 extra permits are not added, I think a number of permits should still be reserved for Ms. Winston to distribute at her discretion.

Should the price be increased?

The results from the google form sent to the juniors shows that about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the students who filled out the form would at least be open to paying for a more expensive parking pass.

Should the location of the spots be changed?

The spots on Hull should definitely stay since they are the most frequently used parking spots. The other areas covered by the permit are used, but a lot less frequently, so it makes sense to consider moving some spots to areas that students would use more. Many students park in spots where they can be towed or ticketed because they do not have a permit or the spots remaining when they get to school are too far away or inconvenient to use. It may also work to maximize the number of students who can park on Hull by painting parking spots, making the spots diagonal, or getting rid of the bus zone at the bottom.

