

Sauganash Elementary LSC Meeting Notes

A. Call / Establish Quorum @ Monday, September 20, 2021 6:36 PM

Full attendance: Chris Munns (Principal), Elaine Fitzgerald (Chair), Chris Schumer (Secretary), Deepak Bapu (Parent Rep), Stephen Couper (Parent Rep), Katrina Ramos (Parent Rep), Christina Tassone (Parent Rep), Lara Oweimrin (Staff Rep), Kaitlin Murphy (Teacher Rep), Mary McKenna (Teacher Rep), Tom Pikarski (Community Rep), Angie Cantillon (Community Rep)

B. Agenda Approval: added Bylaw review and approved

C. Minutes: Approved without edit

D. Reports:

a. Chair LSC Scope reminder: LSC is responsible for monitoring continuous improvement plan (CIWP), budget changes, principal evaluation, selecting/renewing principal contract

b. Principal Report

- Congrats to Sauganash on GreatSchools Award!
- No cadre positions this year (these were dedicated sub teachers for hybrid year); However, two new staff positions provided to support reopening protocol
- Reopening update:
 - 1st day of covid testing occurred today.
 - 47 students tested. Looking to increase testing window/capacity.
 - Suggestion: provide parents more guidance on registration process which is a little difficult (no log-in to double-check you have registered; need steps on how to verify you have opted in)
 - Flipped one classroom to remote after likely case detected. CPS HQ data does not reflect it yet. 1 case at this point
 - What's the student turnover?
 - Principal Munns to provide # of students added and exited this year so LSC has better understanding of community trend.
 - Overall 635 enrollment is not far from budgeted ~657 students and we have a funding plan to make up the difference.

c. Budget Report:

- Filling 3 open positions. Slow due to verification process backlog
- 83k contingency funds available to cover enrollment shortfall funds
- Short-term we do not have a music class. We have added Spanish classes to all grades for now and will re-evaluate for next semester
- Moving Forward, OST grants received but not expected each year.
 - a. Risk: in two years, we will likely not have these funds and be facing a staff shortage. Northwest Coalition to put teacher funding model on their agenda to help address.

E. Safety Committee

- Student-involved Traffic Incident near Keating and Peterson by alley. Since incident, we have had bushes trimmed and ordered a mirror to improve visibility
 - Guidance to parents: Only cross where the lights are.
 - Previously requested crossing guard at Cicero, declined. Consider requesting again; make case that this would support two schools in area.
 - a. Other ideas: could we add speed bumps to alley?
 - b. Attend CAPS meeting this Wednesday to voice need to address traffic issue as well as nearby gambling den and shootings

F. PTO Report:

- First meeting this week @630pm; Limited fund-raising but retained some from previous years; Planning Trunk or Treat for Halloween

G. School Usage Request:

- Approved DC Trip Info Session: 29-Sept. Expecting 37 students and 1-2 parents per student. Planning to use cafeteria. Social distancing protocol will be followed. In case of overflow, we will use gym/classrooms.

H. Old Business:

- a. New Annex: out for bid. No schedule change planned. Expecting to Breaking ground in mid-November
- b. Gym will be out of commission for 1-month due to construction plan. Mitigation plan:
 - i. Sports: Use park district gym for sports, games at other schools
 - ii. Gym class: Focus on health units. Use outside as much as they can.

I. Bylaws & Committees:

- a. Discussed changes bylaws including meeting flexibility and updating member count to reflect latest requirements.
- b. All-- Please review and come to next meeting to approve
- c. OK to start committee meetings and conduct virtually.
 - i. Committee chair can determine meeting frequency and bring verbal/written report to regular LSC mtg when helpful
 - ii. Meeting times can be sent to principal and included on calendar/newsletter for parent participation

J. Public Comment: 3 parents attended. No specific comment

K. Agenda & Time for Next mtg:

- a. Approve updated bylaws
- b. Next Meeting set for Monday October 18th @6:30pm