



**SAUGANASH LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL * 2025-2026
DRAFT Meeting Minutes / Sauganash Local School Council**



Type of Meeting: REGULAR LSC MEETING
Date and Time: Monday, January 12, 2026
Location: Zalinski Café

In Attendance*: X = present; 0 = absent

Sean Kennedy	X	Principal
Sundus Abrar	X	Parent Member 1
Deepak Babu (Chair)	X	Parent Member 2
Stephen Couper	X	Parent Member 3
Lori Hoagland	X	Parent Member 4
Robert Szczesniak	X	Parent Member 5
Christina Tassone	0	Parent Member 6

Elaine Fitzgerald	X	Community Member 1
Thomas Pikarski	X	Community Member 2
Hallie Askuvich	0	Teacher Member 1
Anna Ihana	X	Teacher Member 2
Terri Ciccone	X	Staff Member 1
Liam Sellers	X	Student Member

*Attendees in remote are indicated as "V".

Prepared By: Elaine Fitzgerald on 01/12/2026
Approved On: 2/9/2026

** Minutes are draft versions until approved at a regular meeting.

Action Items from this Meeting: None

1. Call to Order – 6:36pm
2. Roll Call - See list above.
3. Approval of Agenda – Motioned and approved; no changes
4. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings - Motioned and approved.
 - a. Previous LSC Meeting – November 17, 2025

5. Reports

- a. Chair – Deepak Babu – No report
- b. Principal Report Presentation - Sean Kennedy

In process of phasing current CIWP out and in process of writing 2027-29 CIWP.

HAPPENINGS

- Robotics going to sectionals
- Dram show great success "Newsies Jr." with 65 students participating.
- Q2 assembly took place, on inclusivity
- LSC Application Deadline 1/20 at 3pm
- Field trips and performances coming to us – Greatworks Theater
- PTO Talent Show coming up 2/5/26 at 5pm
- Gala Date – March 7 at Lone Tree in Niles

DOMAIN 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- ILT transitioned to CIWP writing team

- MTSS team looking at MOY testing

DOMAIN 2 – INSTRUCTIONAL CORE

- iReady assessment tests are being completed
- Rigor Walks will be happening in Feb; quick impromptu visits to register trends in classrooms
- Counselor check in and continued resource for students; for questions on high school process

DOMAIN 3 – CULTURE AND CLIMATE

- Visits from Alderman Nugent and Senator Villivalam for students to present persuasive speeches
- Counselor lessons to help support digital citizenship topics
- Attendance has maintained steady – at 95.3%; goal is to stay above 95%

DOMAIN 4 – TALENT

- Ms. Donatello stays on as an aide. Received another SECA position and in process of onboarding a new candidate.
- On-going Principal Cohort meetings; outside consultant helping CPS
- REACH observations started; for formal observations. At 44% and are ahead of pace.

Kudos to GREAT attitudes coming back from break!

Suggestion made to look at trickling down digital citizenship to grades lower than 6th grade.

- c. Student Report - Liam Sellers
 - Excited about talent show
 - Robotics shooting for state championship again.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget: No Checks or Expenditures over \$2,500 since last meeting
7. Friends of Sauganash PTO
 - a. January Regular Meeting - Tuesday, Jan 20th 6:30pm (Virtual)
 - b. 2025 PTO Gala - March 7th "Casino Royale" - Lone Tree Manor
8. Regular Business
 - a. Election Day is March 18, 2026: All LSC elections will take place on a single day.
 - i. Application period closes at 3:00 p.m. on January 20, 2026: All application materials must be submitted online by the deadline to be nominated as a candidate.
9. Old Business
10. New Business

2nd / 4th Wed moving forward for parent open gym; Super successful. Gratitude for allowing this to take place.
11. Public Comment – None

Public Participants Notice: Welcome to all our guests. Thank you for attending today's meeting. During this part of the meeting, you are invited to make comments pertaining to the LSC agenda items, which include the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), budget issues, and Principal Reports. We ask you to keep your comments to two minutes so that we can respect the meeting time frame. The council encourages feedback and participation in our committees. If your comments are of a different nature than the agenda, please schedule a meeting with Mr. Kennedy or contact the head of one of the committees. Thank you!

Please sign-up on the Sign-In Sheet if you would like to comment. Commenters will be thanked; no questions will be answered.

- 12. Set Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Regular Meeting
- 13. Announce Date for Next Meeting: February 9, 2026
- 14. Adjourn – 7:09pm

The Local School Council (2025-26)

Sauganash’s local school council is responsible for approving the school’s budget, certain local policies and principal selection and evaluation. Our local school council members are:

Sean Kennedy	Principal	Elaine Fitzgerald	Community Member 1
Sundus Abrar	Parent Member 1	Thomas Pikarski	Community Member 2
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2025-2026 Meeting Dates:

September 15th (6:30pm)	December 8th - No Meeting	March 9th (6:30pm)
October 20th (6:30pm)	January 12th (6:30pm)	April - TBD (Budget Release?)
November 17th (6:30pm) *State of the School	February 9th (6:30pm)	May 18th (6:30pm)

*All meetings are in person in the Zalinski Cafeteria and start at 6:30pm