

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Sauganash School Council

April 2017

Call to Order

Roll Call: Members Present: Chris Munns, Elaine Fitzgerald, Liz Piper, Carrie McAteer, Vanessa Howells, Marcia Shapiro, Sean Kennedy, Vicki Kurzydlo, Pam Sheehan, Rich Rodriguez

Members absent: Dennis Hammer, Don Zalinski

1. Approval of Agenda: LSC Advisory Board Election was added under new business. With this addition the agenda was approved by voice vote, all in favor.
2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: A motion was made to approve the minutes from March as submitted. Motion was seconded and approved by voice vote, all in favor.
3. Announcements /Introduction of Guests: 3 parents attended the meeting
4. Reports:
 - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald: Hope everyone had a wonderful break! Please be aware of the book fair which runs May 8-10. Report card pick up is Wednesday 4/19/17.
 - b. Principal – Chris Munns: Wednesday is parent-teacher conferences. There is a time change, the conferences will run from 11-7pm. There is also a sign-up genius to help cut down waiting time for parents and teachers were encouraged to schedule extended sessions for parents who require longer than the typical 10-15 minute intervals. PTA small business fair is this Saturday from 9-3pm. Wednesday 4/26 ISBE is requiring 5th and 8th graders to take the Next Generation Science Standards Assessments. Jamie Vanecko and Anna McGowen are recipients of a Chicago Foundation for Education Small Grant. Principals met with Anna Alvarado right before break and discussions were held about successes and areas of need based on NWEA MAP testing per grade level. Regarding the turf field, some of the trees currently in the field will be coming down, however we will be planting 12 oak trees in another location to make up for this loss. Chris would like to hang “Hate has no home here” posters within the building. The posters were designed by CPS students.
 - c. Committee
 - 1) Budget Committee – Dennis Hammer (2017-2018 Budget Discussion): Because of issues at the state level we are unsure what funding will be next year. Most likely

there will be a cut somewhere. We have \$136,800 in internal accounts that we can use not only for materials but also personnel. We may need to use half of this to cover personnel for next year.

- 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – Richard Rodriguez: Please refer to the principal report for full details regarding the CIWP.
- 3) Language Committee – Vicki Kurzydlo and Vanessa Howells: The bilingual audit is May 10. We passed last year. We have 9 ESL endorsed teachers, up from 4 the prior year. During parent teacher conferences we will be looking for donations from parents for culturally/linguistically relevant texts to add to classroom libraries.
- 4) School Safety – Don Zalinski: No formal report. The new sidewalks are in along Keating Ave. as previously discussed.
- 5) Community Relations & Advocacy Committee – Vanessa Howells, Dennis Hammer, Marcia Shapiro and Caroline McAteer: Vanessa attended the Raise Your Hand presentation called Perceptions vs Reality; What to Expect when Picking a CPS High School. There were 2 panels. One consisting of current and former students and the other made up of parents who sent their kids to neighborhood schools. They were very pro neighborhood schools and discussed the IB programs at many schools. Vanessa left the event feeling more positive and informed about neighborhood high schools. Generation All put together a FAQ about the single application for high school. This will apply to 8th graders in the 2017-2018 school year.
- 6) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Committee – Vicki Kurzydlo and Sean Kennedy: Monthly MTSS meetings are ongoing for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students in academic and social/emotional areas.
- 7) Principal Review Committee – Marcia Shapiro, Vicki Kurzydlo and Pam Sheehan: We will go into closed session to do our principal evaluation, which needs to be entered by May 31st.
- 8) Professional Personal Leadership Committee – Sean Kennedy and Pam Sheehan: Teachers will receive their google doc principal evaluation forms soon.

d. PTA Meeting Report: Their kick-off is tomorrow 4/18. The small business fair is this Saturday 4/22 from 9-3pm.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business: LSC Advisory Board Election: The Local School Council Advisory Board Elections:

Ballots are due May 5th. There are 8 candidates running for one spot on the Advisory Board. If individual Sauganash LSC members want to cast a vote they may do so and bring it to Chris's office.

Executive Session-Principal Evaluation

7. Public Comment: Is there a way incoming parents can have access to meeting minutes? Chris will add a link to the minutes through email and on the school website.
8. Announce Date of Next Meeting, Set Agenda, and Adjourn Meeting: Regular meeting adjourned at 7:35. The council went to executive session for the principal evaluation. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm.