

Minutes of Regular Meeting / Sauganash Local School Council

Notice is Hereby Given that the LSC has scheduled a special meeting of the LSC to begin at 6:30p on February, 27, 2017 at Sauganash School in the Art Room.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p

Call to Order

1. Roll Call: Members Present: Caroline McAteer, Pam Sheehan, Sean Kennedy, Elaine Fitzgerald, Richard Rodriguez, Don Zalinski, Vanessa Howells, Vicki Kurzydlo, Dennis Hammer, Chris Munns, Marcia Shapiro. Members Absent: Liz Piper
2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved by voice vote, all in favor
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: the minutes from the January meeting were approved by voice vote as is, all in favor.
4. Announcements /Introduction of Guests: Malin Vasavanont, Amanda Wolfman, Josette Sondag
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chair** – Elaine Fitzgerald: Mrs.Fitzgerald provided a summary of a round table meeting with Deputy Leslie Munger and IL Education Secretary Beth Purvis, which took place February 13 at the school. Mrs. Fitzgerald shared two documents from Munger; fixed spending sheet and IL Finances At a Glance. Those that attended felt it was an informative meeting. The council agreed that no follow up communication with Munger and Purvis was necessary. Mrs. Fitzgerald also shared about the proposed CPS Dunning school project, the CPS civil rights lawsuit and CPS proposing privatization of school engineers and clerks
 - b. **Principal** – Chris Munns: Mrs. Munns mentioned the sad news of two sauganash parents passing away recently; Mr. Zoeller and Mrs. Bitar, and to keep these families in mind. Principal also reporting receiving a check from Right At School for \$4,655.40, which was for rental space of the school for the 2016 Summer camp program. She also reminded the council that we receive money from them for their after school program...again for using the school space. Mr. Rodriguez asked about the timing of Right At School checks and if the school has signed any sort of contract with them. Mrs. Munns said no specific contract with the school has been signed, but that Right At School is an approved partner with CPS. Before going through the Principal's Report, Mrs. Munns shared that she received her principal evaluation from our Network Chief, Mrs. Alverado. Mrs. Munns also stated that she is hosting her first 6th Grade parent coffee on March 2 in an effort to help parents

prepare their students for middle school. Guest visitor, Mrs. Wolfman, asked how parents can help advocate for the school. Mrs. Fitzgerald encouraged ongoing involvement with the PTA and LSC and Mrs. Howells commented that staying current on CPS issues through Raise Your Hand for Education also would be worthwhile.

c. Committees

- 1) **Budget Committee** – Dennis Hammer: Mr. Hammer shared that he and Chris spoke about budget changes today and that Chris would share an update under New Business.
- 2) **Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP)** – Richard Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez shared that we are behind in three areas because professional development time was cut from the budget by CPS. Refer to the principal's report for full details.
- 3) **Language Committee** – Vicki Kurzydlo and Vanessa Howells: The committee would like to move forward in helping Mrs. Ihana (ELL instructor) to build a library of culturally relevant books for each classroom. This will be their focused project for the second half of the school year.
- 4) **School Safety** – Don Zalinski: Mr. Zalinski and Mrs. Munns discussed potentially offering an online security seminar for parents. They feel it's very timely and important to provide something to parents sooner than later. Mrs. Munns mentioned that there will be on Principal's CAPS meeting on March 1.
- 5) **Community Relations and Advocacy Committee** – Vanessa Howells, Dennis Hammer and Caroline McAteer: Mrs. Howells reiterated that CPS submitted a civil rights lawsuit against the state and Governor Rauner. And that Raise Your Hand is still finalizing their third letter, which is addressed to Governor Rauner regarding his veto of \$215 million for Chicago schools. It was suggested that Speaker of the House, M. Madigan should also receive a letter from RYH. Mrs. Howells also mentioned that CPS is "unfreezing" some money to select schools after doing mid-year budget cuts. And that between CPS and the State, schools are caught in the middle of the craziness.
- 6) **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Committee** – Vicki Kurzydlo and Sean Kennedy: Mrs. Kurzydlo and Mr. Kennedy shared that things are moving along and are currently putting together a social/emotional committee to handle the social/emotional needs that come up through the MTSS.
- 7) **Principal Review Committee** – Marcia Shapiro, Vicki Kurzydlo and Pam Sheehan: Mrs. Shapiro stated that Chris' contract is for the time period 09/01/17 - 08/21/18 and is off cycle due to the prior principal's cycle. A summary of Chris' evaluation was unanimously approved by the council.
- 8) **Professional Personal Leadership Committee** – Sean Kennedy and Pam Sheehan: Mr. Kennedy and Mrs. Sheehan shared that Mrs. Trainer, 7th and 8th grade teacher, is setting something up on professional development.

- d. **PTA Meeting Report:** No PTA board members were present. Mrs. Munns mentioned several PTA events including their next meeting on March 8, Spaghetti Night on March 22, Small Business Fair on April 22, and the Spring benefit on June 10.

6. Old Business

Public Vote - Principal Contract Vote for renewal of contract based on approval of Principal's Accumulative Evaluation . Mr. Hammer moved to approve and Mrs. Howells seconded the motion.

7. **New Business** - Mrs. Munns reported the mid-year budget cuts. Sauganash school received a \$13,080 cut from its 225 funds. Transfers occurred to balance budgets again. (Money from 220 special ed funds moved to 115 to free up money. Misc. bucket reduced in 115 funds in the amount of \$10,047.42) CPS appears to be taking federal funds and putting them into 115 SBB. Book transfer from internal accounts consumable line to budget funds #124 (refer to Principal's Report for details).
8. **Public Comment:** Mrs. Wolfman asked if the school might consider doing a communication for families that would reassure everyone that Sauganash school will continue to be a safe, accepting environment. When asked, Mrs. Wolfman clarified that she wasn't speaking to anything specifically happening at the school or heard amongst parents, but rather relating to all that's going on in the country. Mrs. Fitzgerald and several board members shared that it has ongoing conversations about timely and appropriate communications and certainly would consider Mrs. Wolfman's comments. It was suggested that an email be drafted and sent school wide from the Principal.
9. Announce Date of Next Meeting, Set Agenda, and Adjourn Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 20 at 6:30pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p