

# Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 22, 2018 / Sauganash Local School Council

## Call to Order @ 6:35p

Roll Call - Members present: Elaine Fitzgerald, Caroline McAteer, Richard Rodriguez, Don Zalinski, Dennis Hammer, Liz Piper, Anna McGowan, Vicki Kurzydlo, Pam Sheehan, Chris Munns.

Members Absent: Marcia Shapiro, Vanessa Howells

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by voice vote as written, all in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Minutes from the prior meeting (November) were approved as written, all in favor.
3. **Welcome Guests:** included Jonathan Silverstein from Ald. Laurino's office
4. **Reports:**
  - a. **Chair** – Elaine Fitzgerald: A reminder that this year is election year for the LSC. If there are members who know they will not be on the council next year can we please let Elaine know as soon as possible. There is a Local School Council open house coming up. As soon as a date is set Elaine will send the information
  - b. **Principal** – Chris Munns: We are now getting a weekly attendance report. There is a huge push city-wide to improve attendance. Chris is part of a group of principals focused on teacher retention, summer school, and budget. One of the things the group would like to improve is budget transparency. One of the roles of a principal is communicating the budget to parents and community members, and this can be difficult when funding continuously changes and the timing of budget releases is inconsistent. Funds will hopefully be approved tomorrow for an additional special education teacher. We've managed to recoup almost all funds which were originally cut. Chris is in conversations with downtown for getting mobile classrooms due to crowding. We are currently at 106% capacity. Congratulations to Anna McGowan for securing a Project Lead the Way grant for \$2500 that will go towards STEM lab.
  - c. **Committee**
    - 1) Budget Committee – Dennis Hammer: We received an afterschool program grant that will target students for reading and math support. We will need to allocate roughly \$8,000 for Title 1 programming.
    - 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – Richard Rodriguez: Please refer to handout for full report. It was recommended that we go over the CIWP at our next meeting to refresh our memory as to our goals.

- 3) Language Committee – Vicki Kurzydlo and Vanessa Howells: International Night is April 12th. ACCESS testing is ongoing with our ELL students. We have 44 languages spoken here at Sauganash, with roughly 17% of our students considered Limited English Proficient. By the end of this year 12 of our teachers will have ELL endorsements.
- 4) School Safety – Don Zalinski: No formal report. We are looking into getting an additional garbage can for the southeast corner of the turf field. We are also looking into getting an additional bike rack at the northeast corner of the school near Kilpatrick.
- 5) Community Relations & Advocacy Committee – Liz Piper, Vanessa Howells, Dennis Hammer, Caroline McAteer, Marcia Shapiro: No formal report.
- 6) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Committee – Vicki Kurzydlo and Anna McGowan: The committee is thrilled about the addition of a special education position
- 7) Principal Review Committee – Marcia Shapiro and Pam Sheehan: No formal report.
- 8) Professional Personal Leadership Committee – Anna McGowan and Pam Sheehan: No formal report.

d. PTO Meeting Report: International Night is April 12th. There is a school dance this Friday.

5. **Old Business:** An ongoing discussion was had about grade level ambassadors. Ambassadors would serve as a link to grade level parents.

#### 6. **New Business**

Budget Special Education Funding: Discrepancies were found with special education funding between IDEA funds and Student Based Budget Funding. As a result Sauganash School will be entitled to an additional special education teaching position.

Student Fee: Currently we charge \$200 in enrichment fees. Approximately 78% of our families have paid the fee. A discussion was held about whether to increase the fee. The decision was tabled for the next meeting. In addition information will be provided regarding specifically where the funds from the enrichment fee go.

7. **Public Comment:** A parent mentioned having a Sauganash parent presence to attend the downtown meetings in order to ensure they are aware of our overcrowding. At this time downtown is aware of the overcrowding and so the council discussed tabeling this. A question was asked regarding adding a third floor, however the building was not designed to hold a third floor.
8. **Announce Date of Next Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for February 26 @6:30p. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.