

## **Minutes from the September 2018 meeting of the Sauganash Local School Council**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

**Members present:** Chris Munns, Elaine Fitzgerald, Marcia Shapiro, Christina Tassone, Don Zalinski, Marikay Hegarty, Liz Piper, Pam Sheehan

**Absent:** Rich Rodriguez, Anna McGowan, Vicki Kurzydlo

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no edits via voice vote, all in favor

**Chairperson report:** Since this was the first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year the members of the LSC introduced themselves to the public present at the meeting. The first full week of school has gone well. School has been pushing out community events going on that are geared towards school aged kids. This is appreciated and noticed by the council members

### **Principal's Report:**

Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly who was awarded 2 new ipads, tripod and protective accessories through a Donors Choose Grant she wrote. Congratulations as well to Ms. Bertini who received funding for alternative seating for her second graders.

There are 112 new students at Sauganash this year.

Space and funding concerns continue to be an issue of discussion and concern. Alderman Laurino will not be seeking re-election. She has long been a supporter of Sauganash Elementary School, and there is some concern regarding the change of leadership as we would like approval for additional space before Laurino and Emanuel leave office. Discussion was held about inviting Laurino to our October meeting to offer our sincere thanks for her support.

### **Budget Report:**

No formal report at this time. The allocated budget was reviewed and discussed. The 10th day snapshot for funding was today. After today we should have a clearer picture of the budget

### **CIWP:**

No formal report at this time. The curriculum maps and "Day in the Life" were given to parents at parent orientation night.

**Ambassador Committee:** Three ambassadors are welcoming new families. We are off to a good start welcoming and supporting families and working on getting communication sent home in the family's native language

**Space, Position and Funding Committee:** Members of the committee made a presentation in July at the Board of Education Meeting to make a case for new space and funding. The plan moving forward is to continue ensuring our voice is heard at BOE meetings

**Safety:** Requests have been made for a crossing guard at Keating. There have been requests made in the past. Studies were completed, and a guard was not deemed necessary at that time. The safety committee will contact the alderman's office regarding getting additional signage to assist with crossings at Keating or Kilpatrick.

**PTO:** Family Fun Night is this Friday (music, sports, bags tournament). First meeting is 6:30 on Wednesday 9/26. There is a \$55,000 goal for the donation drive

**School Usage:** World Strides Washington DC parent meeting for 7th grade. Motion approved. Cafeteria Sept. 27th 6:30

**Old Business:** There is a parent representative vacancy in the school council due to Vanessa Howells' family relocating out of the Chicago area. During the October meeting a selection will be made. Any interested parent is encouraged to approach a member of the Council.

**Committee list:** Changes were made to the committees list. The council reviewed the list and no edits were recommended. Motion was made and approved by voice vote, all in favor.

**New business:** The council will plan to formally acknowledge Vanessa for her service on the council. Also, Chicago magazine mentioned Sauganash elementary school in its September issue regarding top elementary schools in Chicago.

**Public Comment:** A parent discussed her experiences contacting the alderman's office regarding signage for the crossing at Keating. She was told by the alderman's office that the intersection at Keating was deemed too dangerous for crossing and as a result there was nothing they could do. The council indicated they will continue to pursue the issue. A parent also asked what the community can do to reduce classroom size. This issue will be grouped in with ongoing discussions about space and funding in the Space Position and Funding Committee.

Next meeting is Oct. 22nd 6:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:34



