

## Regular Meeting /April 24, 2019, Sauganash Local School Council

### Call to Order @6:37pm

Roll Call: Members Present - Elaine Fitzgerald, Mary McKenna, Marikay Hegarty, Vicki Kurzydlo, Christina Tassone, Chris Munns, Don Zalinski, Marcia Shapiro, Anna McGowan, Tom Pikarski

Absent: Richard Rodriguez, Liz Piper

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for April 24 meeting was approved with one modification. The Sauganash Community Association meeting is May 21 at 7:00pm Agenda was approved by Mr. Zalinski and seconded by Christina Tassone.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** March 18, 2019 minutes were approved by Marcia Shapiro and seconded by Mr. Zalinski.
3. **Reports:**
  - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald. Mrs. Fitzgerald asked Mrs. Munns about the Accelerated Placement Act. This passed last year as a state law. Rauner wanted schools to provide advanced placement for schools. The board said that they were not going to do anything last year because we have gifted schools and magnet schools. There are three categories of Accelerated Placement: 1) Kindergarten 2) Qualified Student (\$200 test fee) that are 97th percentile or above in reading and math in grades 3-6 and 3) Math with previous qualifications can go to the next grade level math class. There are only 193 students citywide that qualify for this program, and this will not be implemented until 2020. Career Fair was really fun, and Ms. Fitzgerald thanked the individuals that organized the event
  - b. Principal – Chris Munns. Mrs. Munns presented the FY20 Budget Update. Mrs. Munns acknowledged that Mrs. Tassone put together the PowerPoint presentation. Our projected enrollment is 637. The “magic number” for the 10th day of school is 15. We are predicting that our kindergarten enrollment will be the same as this year. We received a \$4.6 million dollar budget, and the internal accounts budget will stay flat. The budget also includes a 2.5% increase for teacher raises, and a slightly larger increase per student. Because Sean was a special ed teacher, he was kept under the Special Ed umbrella, and we pay 1%. The board pays 99% of the Assistant Principal salary. Special Education Teacher Assistant II position is not supported by the board. This year we received \$50,000 for teacher

professional development coach. Mrs. Munns was able to set aside some money for substitutes, and money for teacher extended day and professional development. In internal accounts, the majority of the money is from Student Fees. Right now, we have not paid for our software subscriptions because it is a July subscription contract period. We have a new K-6 math series (\$22,000). PTO is funding four PTO aides (\$80,000) and teacher staff appreciation/family events (\$11,000). Other PTO ideas are a foreign language teacher, and purchasing new copiers and water fountains. In conclusion, the budget is essentially the same. The board will pay for all five SECA positions. The budget states that there is a loss of one SECA because of one graduating student. However, two new students have been identified, so we are appealing that 1 FTE reduction. Marikay Hegarty made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the small edit. Don Zalinski seconded. Ms. Fitzgerald also did a roll call and all LSC participants voted yes to approve the budget as presented with the small edit.

c. Committee Reports:

Principal Evaluation: Ms. Hegarty said that we completed the evaluation, and we need to present the feedback to Mrs. Munns. Mrs. Munns is making a recommendation to go back to the Network instead of the ISP because the lack of communication from the Board is a problem.

PTO: Mrs. Shapiro said we made about \$75,000 on the benefit, and they will be voting on the new ballot for Board members in June. The Ambassadors are doing a video to explain what to expect in each particular a particular grade level.

Career Fair: Thank you to Liz Piper and Katrina Ramos for their help in coordination and participation. It was a very successful first event.

4. **Old Business**

Marcia Shapiro was asking whether we follow up regarding the Board of Elections. Mrs. Munns suggests that the Community Relations and Advocacy Committee organize a letter writing campaign to the Board of Elections.

5. **New Business:**

a. Cooking School: We are not considered a cooking school. We would like to write a letter to facilities requesting that we get a stove so that we can become a cooking school. Christina Tassone offered to write the letter.

b. SCA Open Meeting: Mrs. Munns asked the LSC if Sauganash can host the SCA Open Meeting on Tuesday May 21 at 7pm. Motion was granted by Mr. Zalinski and seconded by Mrs. McKenna

b. Right at School Summer Camp: Mrs. Munns said that Onahan will take the summer camp this year, and Sauganash will house the summer camp the following year.

6. **Public Comment:**

A question was raised regarding whether there is a salary cap on teachers, should CPS go back to the old system.

7. Next meeting is May 20, 2019 @ 6:30pm.

8. Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.