

Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 23, 2018 / Sauganash Local School Council

Call to Order @ 6:35p

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

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved with one change requested. PTA to PTO reference.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** January minutes approved as is.
3. **Welcome Guests:**
4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Chair** – Elaine Fitzgerald reminded everyone about the upcoming LSC elections. April 18 is election day during report card pick up. Vickie Pecoraro is coordinating the elections on behalf of the school.
 - b. **Principal** – Chris Munns shared the following highlights from her Principal’s Report. CIWP, which maps out the school’s goals and priorities is being reviewed and updated. The council will review the final version for approval. Some focus areas include math and science and our partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry, mini lessons and streamlining curriculum, reevaluating Daily 5 and CAFE, and language arts. Teachers are shifting their approach with students from “learning about” to “figuring out”. Students are being encouraged to struggle with problem solving on their own before asking teachers and parents for help. Student test scores and attendance continue to be important goals within CPS and is reflected in our CIWP. Chris emphasized the importance of parent participation in completing the My Voice/My School survey that is conducted each year and impacts the school’s SQRP score. She also shared the good news of hiring two full time teachers: Marissa Cot for MTSS (working with students needing additional help with reading), and Katie Murphy, a Special Ed teacher. Chris is part of citywide principal task force looking at SPED funding. 15% of our student body requires SPED support.
 - c. **Committee**
 - 1) Budget Committee – Dennis Hammer. Chris is investigating the purchase of new Chromebooks because our current Samsung books will not be supported after this school year. CPS is switching to Dell.
 - 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – Richard Rodriguez reiterated that CIWP is another way for parents to provide feedback to the school. The committee is looking at how parents can better provide input into this plan. Chris and Richard will

look at ways to improve channel of communication for input ... to be more proactive.

- 3) Language Committee – Vicki Kurzydlo and Vanessa Howells. A recent audit went well.
- 4) School Safety – Don Zalinski. The school is reviewing the emergency management plan with teachers in light of the recent Florida school shooting. There was an Instagram incident this past week which started off campus and bubbled up at the school. The school worked with CPD to handle the situation.
- 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. No formal report.
- 7) Principal Review Committee – Marcia Shapiro and Pam Sheehan. Marcia will start working next month on the next principal evaluation.
- 8) Professional Personal Leadership Committee – Anna McGowan and Pam Sheehan. Faculty had a rigorous conversation on curriculum during the last teacher inservice day. They looked at Chromebook usage at the school (quality vs quantity time), how the school is doing with developing students' critical thinking. Anna continues to work on getting our school more grant money!

d. PTO Meeting Report. Dining out events are scheduled during the month of March to raise money... and is called March Madness. The Spring benefit is set for June 2.

5. Old Business

Student Fee - There is ongoing conversation about raising or not raising the student fee for next year. The council decided not to raise the fee, which is currently \$200, but agreed to potentially readdressing the decision in April once Chris has new budget.

Room Ambassadors Update - Pilot program targeted for next year. Mandi Wolfman and Christina Tassone are the two parents creating the new program.

6. New Business

LSC Election Materials and Forum Date and Time - promoted in school e-news communications. The next LSC meeting will start at 6:00p so that each candidate can say a few words regarding their candidacy. In addition to an electronic link sent out, the My School/My Voice survey will be offered on computers during report card pick up on April 18.

7. **Public Comment.** Parent asked about any update on resolving our space issues for next year.

Downtown will likely say no to our mobile request and are looking at possibly redefining the school boundaries. We have money and space issues AND it needs our attention!

8. **Announce Date of Next Meeting:** Next LSC meeting is on March 19 @6p

9. Adjourn: 8:10p