

Sauganash Local School Council Meeting Minutes, May 2016

Notice is Hereby Given that the LSC has scheduled a regular meeting of the LSC to begin at 6:30pm on May 23, 2016 at Sauganash School in Room 104.

The Agenda of the meeting is as follows:

Call to Order: 6:35

1. Roll Call: Members Present-Christine Munns, Elaine Fitzgerald, Marikay Hegarty, Pam Sheehan, Costa Lollas, Liz Piper, Dennis Hammer, Deanna Kelley, Maureen Mackin, Mike Lovell
Members Absent: Carrie McAteer, Richard Rodriguez
2. Approval of Agenda: Old business added-Student Fee Letter; With the addition of the Student Fee Letter to old business, the agenda was approved by voice vote, all in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – March and April approval moved to end of the meeting.
4. Announcements /Introduction of Guests: No announcements. Costa Lallas and Mike Lovell were recognized for their years of service to the LSC. They will be leaving the Committee after this year.
5. Reports:
 - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald: It’s important for us to continue to communicate and organize with parents and community members about budget issues within CPS. Elaine attended the Cook County 10th district breakfast with Toni Preckwinkle regarding business development in the county.
 - b. Principal – Chris Munns-Principal’s Report Distributed: Town Hall Meeting May 24th 2016 at 7pm at Taft High School. The Town Hall Meeting will provide more context and additional information regarding the state of the 2016-2017 budget. Principals plan to explain what the impact of the cuts will be. Budgets for next year have not been received yet. There will be a cut in per pupil spending and an increase in Title 1 and Title 2 funds next year. Sauganash does not receive Title 1 funds, but we do receive Title 2 funding. High school numbers are in: Taft-10 students, Taft IB-6, Northside College Prep: 3, Northtown Academy:8 Lane Tech:9, Von Stuben Scholar: 1 , Regina: 2, Loyola: 2, Ressurrection: 3, Notre Dame: 3, Niles West: 3, Maine East: 1. Membership Sweep: 25 students transferring out. 4 to Taft IB, 13 to suburban schools, 1 to Queens, 1 to Disney 2-3 students moving out of state, 3 students to other city schools. There are 27 students with addresses out of the neighborhood. This may cause another hit to the budget. 48 kindergartners have registered so far. Anna McGowan has been busy writing grants. We won a \$7,500 grant from Project

Lead the Way. STEAM was a huge success. The link to the music performances is coming out. We showcased the 3D printer to the Community Association last week. Principal Coffee went well. We are looking into ways parents can help both in and out of the classroom.

c. Committee

- 1) Budget Committee – Costa Lallas: Budget committee has met and everything is in order.
- 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – Richard Rodriguez: absent
- 3) Language Committee – Maureen Mackin: Classroom libraries have been updated with books in home languages
- 4) School Safety – Mike Lovell: nothing to report
- 5) Leadership Committee – Dennis Hammer: Sauganash Community Association meeting was held in the school with a brief presentation by Mrs. Munns which was well received
- 6) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Committee – Liz Piper: nothing to report
- 7) Principal Review Committee – Marikay Hegarty: nothing to report
- 8) Professional Personal Leadership Committee (PPLC) – Deanna Kelly: nothing to report
- 9) School Relations – Pam Sheehan: Several tours and the principal's coffee went well.

d. PTA Meeting Report: Executive Board Members and bylaws were voted on. Daddy Daughter Dance will be held Thursday June 16th from 6:30-8:30 in the gym. There will be another meeting June 8th. Book swap is June 10th, as well as upper grade uniform swap.

6. Old Business

- a. Principal Evaluation – Approval: A motion was made to approve the LSC Principal Evaluation with attached narrative. The motion was made and seconded by voice vote, all in favor.
- b. Taft Town Hall Meeting – Tues, May 24 7-8:30pm
- c. School Website / Technology: We are beginning the conversation about rebuilding the school website. The goal is to make the website more user friendly and responsive.

7. New Business

- a. CIWP approval: The School Excellence Framework was shared by Principal Munns. A motion was made to approve the CIWP. The motion was made and seconded with the qualification that members realize the CIWP is being approved without a budget and may be altered pending future budget cuts. The motion passed, all in favor. The overall principal evaluation needs to be approved by November 2016 after student growth numbers have been added.
- b. Insurance coverage / Liability of board members: Annette Hurley, lawyer for LSC, said anything we do as a body for the school is covered. Still waiting for Annette to get back to Chris.

- c. CPS Lobby Day. CPS organized a Springfield Lobby Day. Buses will leave Thursday from Taft 7am and arrive at 11am. There is a rally beginning at noon. Buses return to Taft around 5:30.
 - d. Student Fee Letter: A discussion was had about possibly increasing the Student Fee Letter. Currently the Student Fee is \$200. Sauganash has 421 families. 85% of families pay. This year 334 families paid in full, 10 families were on payment plan, 3 families claimed hardship, 9 families had a waiver, and 64 families didn't pay the student fee.
 - e. LSC will make a donation of \$25 per board member to the school
8. Public Comment: Another question was asked regarding budget cuts and potential teacher cuts. It's difficult to say with certainty what will happen.
 9. Announce Date of Next Meeting, Set Agenda
 10. Adjourn: 8:05