

## Regular Meeting / February 25, Sauganash Local School Council

### Call to Order @6:38pm

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

Absent: Christina Tassone, Absent

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for January 14, 2019 approved with no modifications. Agenda was approved by Mr. Zalinski and seconded by Mr Pikarski.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** January 14, 2019 minutes were approved by Ms. Shapiro and seconded by Mr. Zalinski.
3. **Reports:**
  - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald. Mrs. Fitzgerald is excited about Teacher time and the upcoming benefit.
  - b. Principal – Chris Munns. Mrs. Munns stated that our attendance has fallen below 95%, for the first time ever. However, this is a yearly average. She urged parents to bring their children to school when they are healthy. Mrs. Munns mentioned that the eighth graders created a Black History month celebration. This was entirely a student-driven event. Also, Mr. Kennedy is leading the effort to become a Social Emotional Learning School rating from Emerging to Exemplary. Mrs. Munns also mentioned that Sauganash will be a polling location. People will be voting in the gymnasium. In the Principal's Report, Mrs. Munns gave the contact information for the Board of Elections if parents want to do a letter writing campaign to change this policy. Marcia Shapiro mentioned that we also want to change the Illinois law that requires schools to be a polling place. Mrs. Munns explained that the visitors use Mrs. Munns' bathroom, and are not allowed to use the children's bathroom. Mr. Pikarski asked if there was compensation for the Board of Elections using the space. A parent who works at Malcolm X College said that the college does not receive any compensation. Mrs. Munns mentioned that the Board of Elections does pay for the security guard to be on duty, and to pay the engineer to open the building. Mrs. Kurzydlo mentioned that schools don't have adequate security in other schools, so this issue is

broader than just Sauganash. The chair asked to put this issue on the agenda for next month. Mrs. Munns mentioned the Comparability Fund Transfer of \$49,000 received during the middle of the year. Mrs. Munns allocated these funds to a teacher position and miscellaneous employees which were purchased from Sauganash funds. Mrs. Fitzgerald asked for a vote, and it was an unanimous vote to approve the budget transfer.

c. Committee Reports:

Principal Evaluation: Mrs. Hegarty said that she will be contacting CPS to verify the dates to complete the principal evaluation process. One of the competencies is teacher evaluation feedback, led by Mrs. Kurzydlo, Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. McGowan. After receiving clarification on dates, Mrs. Hegarty will be sending out a blank worksheet. At the March meeting, the LSC will have a closed session and will come to a consensus on the principal rating. Mrs. Fitzgerald says this evaluation is slightly different than a contract year, which is in two years.

Safety: The Glen Lake green light to go west was 9-10 seconds. Three cars barely went through before the light turned red. Every morning there is a line all the way to Lemont. Mrs. Munns will follow up to see if the light can be extended. Mrs. Munns contacted George McMurray from the Alderman's office and shared the video with him. There were several complaints about the crossing guard at Peterson and Forest Glen sitting in the car while watching the students cross the street. The supervisor has spoken to the crossing guard. Mrs. Munns asked Mr. Kennedy to place this update in the weekly newsletter.

PTO: Benefit, benefit, benefit! 320 people have signed up, and it is going to be fun. Thursday at 3pm is the last time to turn in sold raffle tickets. International Night is May 23, and the STEAM Walk is June 6.

Career Fair: Ms. Piper gave an update on the Career Fair, and we are trying to recruit for eight categories: Healthcare, Architecture/Real Estate, Urban Planning/Public Service, Police/Law, Banking/Finance, Military, Allied Health/Social Services and Trades. There is difficulty getting representation from the trades. The date of the career fair is April 24th.

4. **Old Business:**

None at this time

5. **New Business:**

a. Rumor of Closed Enrollment Boundary Changes:

CPS has approached Mrs. Munns twice to talk about overcrowding and how to fix it without spending too much money. Historically, since 2004/2005, CBOE Department of Demographics wanted to change our boundaries. That never went through. Rumors are now circulating that the board is trying to set up groups of principals (the meetings have been cancelled twice). The focus is reducing the enrollment of kindergarten. The board wants to tell families that after 32 students are enrolled, enrollment is full. The next students are told that we will pay for your transportation to take your child to another neighborhood school. Priority does go to siblings of enrolled students. Mrs. Munns created a letter written by administration to send to Janice Jackson, and the school does have signatures to petition for additional space. Mrs. Fitzgerald will put this issue in on the March agenda. Mrs. Munns will be providing a list of schools to the board. A suggestion was made to also send the letter to all members of the CPS Board of Education and the LSC members agreed.

b. Right at School:

Right at School has asked us to use Sauganash for their summer camp. Sauganash has offered a Right at School day camp for the past three years, but the enrollment has declined. Sauganash does receive some compensation for offering the day camp. Mr. Harris came to visit, and our cleanliness rating has declined from 2014-2015. So we cannot wax the hallways when the students are at the camp. "Is it camp or glorified babysitting?" It does not appear like the quality camp that it once was. At a December meeting, Mrs. Munns offered a compromise to offer the camp at Sauganash every other year, and then have other schools offer the camp on alternate days. Mrs. Shapiro suggested giving the feedback to Right At School about the quality of the camp activities.

6. **Public Comment:** A parent gave his perspective on the Right At School summer camp. The camp ended two weeks early last summer to clean. He thought the field trips were phenomenal, and the

kids are hanging out with their friends. He mentioned that the travel time to other schools like Onahan will be a burden to parents. He also liked the programming of the afterschool program. Another parent was offended that the summer camp was referenced as a "glorified babysitter." Her two sons love the summer camp, and it is extremely convenient. Mrs. Munns will reach out to Solomon and Queen of All Saints to see if they would be willing to share the camp every other year. Mrs. Fitzgerald will be putting this issue on the March agenda.

7. Agenda for next meeting is: Principal Evaluation, Discussion of School Boundaries and Right At School.
8. Next meeting is March 18 @ 6:30pm.
9. Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.