

Minutes of Regular Meeting On April 16, 2018/ Sauganash Local School Council

Call to Order of Regular LSC Meeting @: 6:34p

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

I. Approval of Agenda: Approved with no changes.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved with no changes.

III. Reports:

A. **Chair** – Elaine Fitzgerald: Elaine reminded everyone about report pick up/teacher conferences on the 18th. My School/My Voice also will be available that day for parents to complete.

B. **Principal** – Chris Munns: Chris thanked the PTO for organizing a wonderful International Night event. There was a lot of pride in what parents and students brought to share. Chris also gave a shout out to Sauganash students participating in city-wide competitions: Our 7th grade girls took first place in the Chicago Student Invention Convention. Our 6th graders won first place for design and second place in a car race, both in The Middle School Solar Car Challenge. And congratulations to our 5th and 6th graders for qualifying for city finals in Battle of the Books. We have two teams going to compete with 148 teams from 97 schools.

Chris introduced Claire Trainer, 7th-8th grade teacher and member of the instructional leadership team that is evaluating and updating the CIWP School Excellence Framework Priorities. Claire shared 5 focus areas for our K-8 students: 1) Shift in Pedagogy (moving to a student led, teacher facilitated environment. Moving away from rote memorization) 2) Utilizing REACH method to evaluate teachers as facilitators versus instructors. 3) Language Arts and Social Studies. Getting these subjects vertically aligned. 4) Math 5) MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) to include a behavioral component and cultural sensitivity.

C. Committee Reports, as needed.

i. **Budget Committee:** Dennis Hammer mentioned that he attended Alderman Laurino's State of the Ward meeting, and that Rahm Emanuel was present and referred to Sauganash School quite a bit. Chris encouraged parents to sign two letters: one that would be sent to Rahm Emanuel and the other to CPS CEO Janice Jackson about the school's space issues. Letters will be available during report pick up on the 18th. Chris also mentioned that CPS plans to give principals their 2018-19 budget on April 17. Chris emphasized the importance of Student Based Budget dollars to her overall budget. And has already appealed CPS in advance of a budget release ... for a higher enrollment allocation than what they have assigned Sauganash school.

ii. **Principal Evaluation:** Marcia Shapiro handed out material relevant to Chris' evaluation that LSC members need to review and provide input for.

VI Friends of Sauganash PTO: Marcia reminded everyone of the Grand Family Fling event coming up and of the PTO's raffle ticket selling efforts to raise money as part of their Spring fundraising efforts.

VII. Regular Business

A. Receipts and expenditures for Internal Accounts activities, if required.

B. School Usage Approval: Sauganash Community Association Open Meeting May 15 at 7:00 p.m. (Approved); Right At School Summer Camp, June 25-August 3 (Approved)

VIII. Old Business

- A. Additional Classroom Update – Community Associations Letters of Support for Modular Unit.

IX. New Business

- A. Recent Accomplishments and Announcements

X. Public Comment:

Public Participants Notice: Welcome to all our guests. Thank you for attending today's meeting. During this part of the meeting, you are invited to make comments pertaining to the LSC agenda items, which include the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), budget issues, and Principal Reports. We ask that you keep your comments to two minutes so that we can respect the meeting time frame. The council encourages feedback and participation in our committees. If your comments are of a different nature than the agenda, please schedule a meeting with Mrs. Munns or contact the head of one of the committees. Thank you!

(10 guests present)

- XI. Announce Date of Next Meeting:** A second April meeting will be held on the 2018-19 budget.
Next Regular meeting set for May 21.

- XII. Adjourn:** 7:32p