

Minute of Regular Meeting On March 19, 2018/ Sauganash Local School Council

LSC Candidate Forum: This forum was held at 6:00p before the regular meeting. Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce him/herself. LSC Chair, Elaine Fitzgerald, welcomed guests and explained the election process. The forum ended with the order selection of candidates -- how each will appear on the ballot -- and was determined by a random drawing.

Call to Order of Regular LSC Meeting @: 6:32p

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:** Chair, Elaine explained a couple of changes in how LSC meetings will be conducted going forward so they can run more efficiently. A new Public Participants Notice was added to the agenda on how the LSC wishes to take comments (see notice below). Also Committee Reports will be added to the agenda prior to meetings if there is a report to give. Otherwise, committee work will be addressed offline.
 - a. PTO President, Marcia requested to be included on every agenda going forward. Agenda was then approved.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Approved as is.
3. **Reports:**
 - A. **Chair** – Elaine Fitzgerald shared a copy of a Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) powerpoint that was presented at a Network 1 meeting with Lela Majstrovic, our network chief. Elaine also thanked the PTO for organizing its March Madness fundraisers.
 - B. **Principal** – Chris Munns reiterated that CIWP updates were in the works by teachers, with some input from parents. *My School/My Voice* survey will be available at report card pick up for parents to complete. The 7-8th grade girls basketball team won the city championship over the weekend, and is the fourth sports championship for the school! Claire Trainer is bringing two teams of 7th graders to National Geographic GeoChallenge. The 7th graders also were busy writing letters to Representative Mike Quigley about gun violence. Chris anticipates getting the 2018-2019 school budget next month and encouraged guests to come to the next LSC meeting to learn more. Chris explained again what happened to SPED funding this school year and how allocation will change for next year. The school will see five SPED teaching position in its new budget. However, we still will be deficit a teaching position in the second grade. Chris reaffirmed that student enrollment plays a major role in our budget dollars. CPS forecasted 606 and Chris asked for an adjustment to 626, based on real estate development and home sales in the neighborhood. And she is seeking four additional classrooms.
 - C. **Committees** -- given as needed.
 1. CIWP Committee: Chair Richard, encouraged parents to offer ideas for making the document more understandable for everyone.

2. Budget Committee: Chris and Dennis reiterated the need for new Chromebooks for students and pending purchase.
3. Principal Review Committee: Marcia and Pam attended an inservice meeting about the Principal Review process and received helpful guidelines.

4. **Old Business** -- Classroom space issue: Alderman Margaret Laurino wrote a Letter of Support for Modular Units on behalf of the school to CPS CEO Janice Jackson and Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Jonathan Silverstein from the alderman's office said the estimated cost of units is \$5 million.
5. **New Business:** PTO President Marcia ran through upcoming events, including International Night on April 12 and Grand Family Celebration on May 24. Room Ambassadors proposal submitted to Chris for review.
6. **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!

> Parent asked about the recent kindergarten open house. How was the turnout? Chris reported that we have 25 registered thus far and expects the majority to register the next couple of months.
> Parent asked if the school audits registered students to make sure they live in the school's geographic boundary. Chris answered that the school does a soft audit via letters and phone calls, and refers to voter registration information. Jonathan with Laurino's office said the alderman absolutely opposes any change in boundaries. There was lively discussion around this topic.
7. **Announce Date of Next Meeting:** Monday, April 16 @6:30p
8. **Adjourn:** 7:43p