

Regular Meeting / September 2019 Sauganash Local School Council

Call to Order @6:35p

Roll Call: Members Present - Elaine Fitzgerald, Christina Tassone, Vicky Kurzydlo, Tom Pickarski, Marikay Hegarty, Chris Munns, Don Zalinski, Liz Piper, Mary McKenna

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved as written by voice vote, all in favor
2. **Approval of Minutes:** July minutes will be approved at the next meeting as well as bylaws.
3. **Announcements /Introduction of Guests:** Approximately a dozen guests
4. **Reports:**
 - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald. Thanks to all who are attending this meeting. Family Fun night is coming up. All are encouraged to attend. Responsibilities of the LSC were reviewed which include: Budget as it relates to approving school funds and resource allocation. The budget itself is set downtown. CIWP (Continuous Improvement Work Plan)-the LSC helps develop and oversee the school's improvement plan. Finally, the LSC is responsible for the building's principal review. We cannot directly change the issues we face with overcrowding, however we can support efforts by parents and the community to affect real change in moving forward on this issue.
 - b. Principal – Chris Munns: Copies of the Principal Report were shared with council members and guests. The Capital Expansion Initiative was discussed. This plan is being developed to deal with the overcrowding in our building. The following has been completed:
 - Pictures were taken and shared with the school board to demonstrate our overcrowding
 - Dr. Jackson came during the first week to see first-hand what we are dealing with. She recommended the photos be taken and shared with the board downtown.
 - There will be a document on the school's website specifically for parent and community feedback regarding overcrowding
 - All previous storage has been converted to small classrooms and MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) for struggling students are being conducted in hallways
 - We will be written up for fire code violations due to moving items previously in storage into the hallways
 - Music has moved back onto a cart instead of a classroom
 - The gym cannot safely hold 36 students, and we cannot use it for assemblies or intramurals
 - Options being suggested to the board would be to perhaps purchase the building at 6125 N. Cicero, or providing funding to expand the school.

- Alderman Nugent is on board and supports our efforts. She is speaking Wednesday on our behalf at the Board of Education meeting.
- Christina Tassone shared a script that will be read by representatives of Sauganash at every Board meeting.
- Terry Court spoke about the process that was conducted in order for Sauganash to gain the 2011 addition. She emphasized the need to share visuals and show up with representatives at Board of Education meetings.

Reports

- 1) Budget Committee – Budget will come out next Monday
- 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – No formal report at this time
- 3) Principal Review Committee – No formal report at this time
- 4) PTO: A reminder to come out for Family Fun Night on Friday from 6-6:30

5. Regular Occurring Business:

- a. Receipts and Expenditures: As previously noted the budget will be released on Monday
- b. School Usage: School usage was approved for the following groups: Girls Scouts, Test Prep Chicago, and World Strides. Approval made by voice vote, all in favor.

6. Old Business: none

7. New Business:

- a. Committees: Christina Tassone shared a brief description of the committee restructuring. The goal is to streamline the committees into Initiative Groups moving forward.
 - b. Vacancies on the LSC: A community representative spot has opened up as Marikay Hegarty has moved into the role of a parent representative. In addition a parent representative spot has also opened up. Different members of the audience interested in these role spoke and shared their motivation for wanted to occupy this vacancy. The LSC will move into executive session to select a candidate once the regular meeting adjourns.
8. Public Comment: The overwhelming topic of discussion was how to handle the issue of overcrowding and questions were asked about what is currently being done. Principal Munns was able to clarify a question regarding tax dollars by explaining that our local tax dollars go to fund CPS as a whole and not just to Sauganash. Principal Munns also explained how the current model of Student-Based Budgeting negatively impacts our school. A Teacher Formula Budget is what we would like to move to, however this requires approval by the Board of Education downtown.
 9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 6:30 pm.