

# Minutes of Regular Meeting/November 13, 2017 Sauganash Local School Council

## Call to Order @6:37p

Roll Call: Members Present - Elaine Fitzgerald, Dennis Hammer, Carrie McAteer, Vanessa Howells, Pam Sheehan, Marcia Shapiro, Don Zalinski, Vicky Kurzydlo, Anna McGowan, Chris Munns, Liz Piper.

Absent: Richard Rodriguez

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved as is
2. **Approved of October Minutes:** Approved as is.
3. **Announcements/Welcome of Guests:** 11 signed in.

LSC Chair Elaine Fitzgerald attended a CPS Network 1 meeting which focused on the importance of 8th/9th grade student transition. CPS is developing a model with the University of Chicago and will identify indicators of how to successfully transition students.

4. **Principal Christine Munns gave the State of the School address.** Highlights of the presentation are that:
  - a. Sauganash consistently is rated a 1+ school (the Reporter newspaper erroneously reported our rating as a 1). Mr. Kennedy will be following up with the paper to correct the error.
  - b. Sauganash showed gains in 3-8 Reading and Math NWEA scores from Spring 2016 to 2017. However, reading did not exceed the 70% recommended growth target for reading (66% was the highest), but math did achieve higher than the 70% growth target (as high as 82%). Students who did not show adequate growth were students with excessive absences, eighth grade students, diverse learners and students in the MTSS program.
  - c. Since the Sauganash school budget was cut significantly this year, Mrs. Munns gave a detailed explanation of the changes in funding streams and a review of budget allocation by type of funding. She also described the personnel changes and how she has had to creatively utilize staff to meet the budget shortfall of \$185,116.
  - d. An Advisory Committee has met twice with Mrs. Munns and LSC members to discuss parent concerns regarding class size and space issues at the school. Mrs. Munns has met with CPS leadership to discuss the student demographics of the area and is also pursuing space planning alternatives.
5. **Committee Reports:** None given since the agenda was dedicated to Principal Munns' State of the School presentation.

6. **PTA/PTO Meeting Report:** Marcia Shapiro stated that the Sauganash PTA will be officially dissolved on December 1. She also mentioned that you can donate online for the Annual Donation Drive.
7. **Public Comment:** Mrs. Munns answered guest questions during and after her presentation.
8. **Announce Date of Next Meeting:** January 22, 2018.
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