

Sauganash Local School Council Minutes February 22, 2016

The Agenda of the meeting is as follows:

Call to Order 6:34 pm meeting called to order

1. Roll Call:

Members Present: Chris Munns, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mike Lovell, Dennis Hammer, Marikay Hegarty, Deanna Kelly, Carrie McAteer, Liz Piper, Richard Rodriguez, Pam Sheehan

Members Absent: Maureen Mackin, Costa Lollas

2. Approval of the Agenda: A school usage item was added for the Sauganash Community Association meeting on May 7th . A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote, all in favor

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed by voice vote, all in favor.

4. Announcements /Introduction of Guests: Alderman Margaret Laurino: Alderman Laurino came to update the council on the turf field. She hopes to come back in a month or two to have some news regarding progress made towards replacing the field. Alderman Laurino is working with the mayor to get this done. She also has a new Facebook and Twitter account and she will share school information as we forward it on.

5. Reports:

- a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald: Nothing to report. Maintain positive attitudes throughout CPS budget discussions
- b. Principal – Chris Munns: Thankful to see so many Kindergarten parents attend a Principal's coffee. Kindergartners will be getting a new/different report card and many came to learn about this. Sauganash will get a TA next month from Northwestern working with STEM and tech classes. Languages: we have 37 different languages spoken in our families' homes. Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese are the top 3 languages spoken.
- c. **BUDGET:** CPS cut \$100 million from the school budget, which resulted in a majority of schools receiving a 4.87% budget cut. We were cut \$130,127. Sauganash school was, however, entitled to comparability funding in the amount totaling (\$\$\$\$). We received this midyear after a January budget review. We were also given a Title II increase, which we plan on using this year for enrichment in art and music. No teachers are being cut. Student Based Budgeting decrease for this year: \$53,573. After factoring in the increase in Title II

funding the total cut is \$93, 768. The plan is to not spend all of the Comparability Funding until next year when it's anticipated that there will be further cuts. To make up for the lost funds, money was transferred from other accounts as follows:

25211.115.52140.119010.000575	\$5,000.00	Career Service Salaries
25211.115.52130.119015.000575	\$1,000.00	Career Service Extended Day
25211.115.51100.119016.000575	\$3,942.60	Regular Teacher Salaries
25211.115.53340.119035.000575	\$11, 308.57	Instructional Materials - Digital
25211.115.53305.119035.000575	\$26,870.91	Instructional Materials -Non Digital
25211.115.53405.119035.000575	\$3,880.14	Commodities - Supplies
25211.115.55005.119035.000575	\$20,000.00	Equipment
25211.115.51350.290001.000575	\$10,000.00	Substitutes/Salary Benefit
25211.115.54105.119035.000575	\$44,891.02	Services-Web-based programs and Copier
25211.115.51300.290001.000575	\$3,233.76	Funds already on the line before budget adjustments - Position Pointer Line

A motion was made at tonight's meeting to approve the line item transfer, motion was seconded and a roll call voted was taken. All in favor.

d. Committee

- 1) Budget Committee – Costa Lallas: No report.
- 2) Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) – Richard Rodriguez: CIWP with edits was shared by Principal Munns and the direction the planning is going in was discussed. The (6) strategies were reviewed and the public was asked to comment on the manner in which CIWP information is communicated. It was stated that finding CIWP information, and LSC information in general, was difficult to locate on the school website.
- 3) Language Committee – Maureen Mackin: ACCESS testing is wrapping up and will be completed before the extended deadline of March 4th. Sauganash passed its Bilingual Audit. The auditors made random visits to classrooms and were impressed with what they saw.
- 4) School Safety – Mike Lovell: Drainage issue of school play field was discussed. Alderman Laurino's visit was a positive in the direction of getting the problem remedied.
- 5) Leadership Committee – Dennis Hammer: North River Commission (NRC) Alderman and Principal's breakfast scheduled for next month.
- 6) Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Committee – Liz Piper: No report
- 7) Principal Review Committee – Marikay Hegarty: The chapter on Principal Review from the LSC Resource Guide was received and distributed at the meeting. LSC time line will be adjusted now that the information is available.
- 8) Professional Personal Leadership Committee (PPLC) – Deanna Kelly: Continuing to update the CIWP.
- 9) School Relations – Pam Sheehan: Websites were discussed.

- e. PTA Meeting Report - by PTA President: Donation Drive is on-going. April 8 Spring Fling is announced. Small Business Fair to be held at school Sat, April 2. Maureen Mackin to represent LSC at the March 9 PTA meeting.
6. Old Business
- a. Update on Comparability Funding spending: Covered in Principal's Report.
7. New Business
- a. Budget transfers on adjusted FY16 budget cuts: Covered in Principal's Report.
 - b. Student Fee request letter verbiage - A motion was made and approved to change the verbiage in the student fee letter to explain that monies collected could be used for enrichment teachers in addition to the items already described in the letter. The student fee will remain the same as last year.
 - c. School usage : A motion was made and seconded to approve school usage for the (1) program and (2) events listed below.
 - i. Girls on the Run
 - ii. Small Business Fair
 - iii. May 17th Sauganash Community Association Open Meeting, from 7pm-9pm
 - d. Power outage/Generator Update: Issue was brought to the attention of the LSC as an example of how the impact of the lack of state budget approval is locally affecting Sauganash School. A work order for the repair of a generator could have avoided the power outage. The repair was not possible as submitted work orders are not being reviewed due to a shortage of funds.
8. Public Comment: It was commented that information related to after school programs should be available on the school website.
9. Announce Date of Next Meeting, Set Agenda: Next meeting, March 28, 6:30pm. Include agenda item - report from Technology Committee meeting to be held in advance of the meeting regarding issues raised around information on the school website.
10. Adjourn - 8:22pm