

Regular Meeting / November 19, 2018 Sauganash Local School Council

Call to Order @6:35pm

Roll Call: Members Present - Elaine Fitzgerald, Pam Sheehan, Marcia Shapiro, Marikay Hegarty, Marcia Shapiro, Anna McGowan, Christina Tassone, Chris Munns, Tom Pikarski

Absent: Vicki Kurzydlo, Richard Rodriguez, Marikay Hegarty, Don Zalinski

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with minor addition to add the budget report to be added to the Committee Report. Suggestion was noted and approved by the Chair.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** October 22, 2018 minutes approved with minor edits. The minutes were approved and seconded.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald. Mrs. Fitzgerald welcomed Tom Pikarski to the board, and will be on the board through the end of the next year. The Chair is excited to watch our administrators get taped to the wall tomorrow, thanks to the efforts of the Sauganash PTO.
 - b. Principal – Chris Munns. Mrs. Munns acknowledged that Alderman Margaret Laurino has been such an integral partner with Mrs. Munns and Sauganash Elementary School. She recalled how Alderman Laurino attended meetings on behalf of Sauganash Elementary School to ask for additional space. The LSC would like to thank her for 18 years of working together, and Mrs. Munns gave her a Certificate of Appreciation. Alderman Laurino recalled when she encouraged Mayor Emmanuel to add new windows at Sauganash as part of the building expansion. She also mentioned that Sauganash Elementary School was “easy to represent” because of the engaged community and administration.

Mrs. Munns then presented the State of the School address. This year, the school received a 4.8/5.0 (Level 1+) rating. Mrs. Munns mentioned that the teachers are learning how to become better facilitators, and incorporating NGSS into their curriculum. The school is also focusing on students’ social and emotional learning and being more respectful and aware of the 44 different languages spoken at Sauganash. NWEA data has maintained 98% in reading, and went up 2 percentage points in Math. 81% in Reading and 96% in Math. School attendance rate is 96.4%. Diverse learners are a priority group in terms of improving

the math NWEA data (37th percentile in Math). Approximately 74% of 8th grade students who met spring NWEA growth targets. Mrs. Munns would like students to take the PSAT instead of NWEA. In terms of high school placement, 31% attend CPS selective enrollment schools, and 29% attend neighborhood high schools (IB and AVID programs). In terms of teaching, all of our special education teachers are housed within general education classrooms. Mrs. Munns presented the Sauganash budget. Since the new addition, we have gained over 100 students. CPS provides \$4,529 funding per student. Approximately 31% of the budget is paid for by the Board of Education (special education positions); 66% of the budget is for the remainder of the staff, and 3% is generated by student fees and fundraising. Technology will need to be updated (Starboard, laptops, etc), and also Algebra books will need to be updated. PTO Chair Marcia Shapiro discussed how the PTO is planning to spend the fundraising for the next year: Teacher aides (\$81,000), Science Curriculum (\$27,000), Teacher Staff Appreciation (\$7,400), Student Family Events (\$3,000).

c. Committee Reports:

- 1) PTO: All three of our Room Ambassadors are here. We are working on services for people who would like to connect with people from their community who can help with translation services. They are also working on "What to Expect" brochures for each grade level. Next PTO meeting is 12/12/18 @ 3:15pm in the Art Room.
- 2) Community Relations and Advocacy Committee: We have added Katrina Ramos, who is doing our Career Fair (April 24, 2019).
- 3) Budget Report: Christina Tassone looked at the budget with the administration, and all of the budget line items lined up. Mrs. Tassone wanted to mention that the \$35,000 in additional funds are needed for math textbooks. Additionally, 3-4 Starboards are needed (at approximately \$3,200 each).

4. **Old Business:** none at this time

5. **New Business:** Pam Sheehan is leaving after 14 years to pursue other opportunities. The LSC Chair thanks Mrs. Sheehan for her years of service.

6. **Public Comment:** None at this time

7. Announce Date of Next Meeting: Monday, January 14th, 2019 @ 6:30pm.

8. Adjourn at 7:20pm