

Regular Meeting / October 22, 2018 Sauganash Local School Council

Call to Order @6:32pm

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

Absent: Liz Piper, Richard Rodriguez

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with minor addition by the PTO to have a separate Ambassador Report. Suggestion was noted and approved by the Chair.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** September 17, 2018 minutes approved as is. The Chair noted that the September minutes should reflect the date of September 17, 2018.
3. **Reports:**
 - a. Chair – Elaine Fitzgerald. Mrs. Fitzgerald reviewed the purpose of the LSC and reviewed that any speakers should sign in and note whether they are interested in speaking. She also reminded LSC members to complete their training modules, as that is a requirement of all LSC members to complete within six months of joining the LSC. The LSC has a parent representative vacancy, and today the LSC will be hearing from candidates who are interested.
 - b. Principal – Chris Munns- Mrs. Munns mentioned the great work the school is doing in our afterschool programs (i.e., Young Bankers’ Club, STEM Club) and also recognized Anna McGowan for the grants that Sauganash has received lately. We are no longer a part of Network 1 in terms of professional development. Our teacher PD is developed from the ILT and the PPLC. So this year, the LSC will receive a Principal Evaluation from another principal, and not from a Network Chief. Mrs. Munns also spoke about the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), and how the document shows the progress the school has made toward achieving its goals. Mrs. Munns went to a PD with Dan Lundak, 7/8 Grade Social Studies teacher, entitled “Waking Up With Racial Equity - Facing History and Facing Ourselves.” This is a grant-funded program that provides an online teacher curriculum. Teachers are also getting trained on a “Productive Talk” questioning protocol in which teachers are learning how to facilitate discussions and not be the “Sage on the Stage.” Ms. Askovich is still leading the MSI program where we are in the process of aligned our

curriculum with the NGSS standards. Lastly, Mrs. Munns mentioned that she, Christina Tassone, and Elaine Fitzgerald attended a meeting regarding our space issues in conjunction with the Board of Education. There are several classrooms that are at capacity or above.

- c. Budget Report: Christina Tassone met on October 10th with Christine Munns, and they are preparing the “State of the State” presentation, which explains how the budget is spent at Sauganash. The goal is to show transparency to the Sauganash Community, and the document will be presented in November.

- d. Safety Committee: Don Zalinski has been in contact with the Alderman’s office - in response to parents who are asking for a sign on Peterson and Keating. The Alderman thinks that intersection is too dangerous to cross. There is now a 4-way stop sign on Keating and Hiawatha, which is beneficial.

- e. PTO: The Annual Drive has already collected \$15,000 in donations. To date, 70% of donors have given at least the requested amount (\$275 per student). The classroom competition will begin after Halloween and November 16th is the final tally. Parents should check their employer availability for matching funds too. Sauganash Halloween Party is this Thursday October 25th from 5-6:30pm. The next PTO meeting is 11/7 (babysitting provided). A question was raised by an LSC member about how the PTO money is spent. Ms. Shapiro responded that the fund pays for four teachers’ aides, and a science curriculum for the upper grades.

- f. Ambassador: The Ambassador Committee has a monthly meeting, and the members are in the process of creating a directory of different languages. Other projects under discussion include “What to Expect” brochures for each grade level. K-2 Ambassador (Birdie), 3-5 Ambassador (Malin), 6-8 Ambassador (Jenny Tianis). A question was raised about how the Ambassador program was publicized. The response was that it was communicated in the weekly Sauganash email, and Ms. Shapiro welcomed any additional suggestions of how it should be publicized.

