

Principal's Report

January 23, 2017

6:30 p.m. in 104 - Art Room

Attachments: LSC Meeting Agenda, Principal's Report, and LSC Minutes

Approvals: None

SGSA Budget Transfer: SGSA Transfer and Internal Accounts Book Transfer Discussion

School Usage: PTA Sponsored Self Defense Class January 20 in the Cafeteria
Right At School Summer Camp – Approve School Usage

Attendance: Attendance Average for: November 96.27% December 95.91%
CPS Network target for Sauganash School End of Year 96.74%

Announcements:

- We would like to congratulate Mrs. Sandy Serna on a fantastic musical performance with all kindergarten through fourth grade students. Parents were thrilled to see their children perform and learn about songs from different religions and cultures.
- SQRP – School Banner Celebrating our perfect score and 1+ Level is hanging in our Lobby. Thank you Mr. Kennedy for design and order and Mr. Marin for installing!

Save the Dates: PTA Small Business Fair – Saturday, April 22nd
PTA Spring Benefit – Saturday, June 10th

Calendar:

Graduation Picture Day: Wednesday, January 25th

PTA Bingo Night and Split-the-Pot: Thursday, January 26th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

School Tour: Friday, January 27th from 8:30-10:30

Room Parent Coffee with the Principal: Wednesday, February 1st at 8:15 a.m.

Second Quarter Ends: Thursday, February 2nd

Furlough Day – No School: Friday, February 3rd

PTA Meeting: Wednesday, 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Report Cards Sent Home: Friday, February 10th

President's Day No School: Monday, February 20th

LSC Meeting: Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room

Graduation Picture Retake Day: Friday, February 24

Competency A: Champions Teacher and Staff Excellence through a Focus on Continuous Improvement to Develop and Achieve the Vision of High Expectations for All Students

Standard A1: Develops, implements, and monitors the outcomes of the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) and school-wide student achievement data results to improve student achievement.

- CIWP January update given at LSC meeting.
- Next Generation Science Standards: MSI Team working on Vision/Mission Statement and Action Plan to implement vertically aligned curriculum

Standard A2: Creates a continuous improvement cycle that uses multiple forms of data and student work samples to support individual, team, and school-wide improvement goals, identify and address areas of improvement, and celebrate success.

- **MTSS:** Grade level meetings to discuss student progress in Multi-Tier System of Support – teachers met to analyze winter NWEA-MAP and student grades and identify skills to support student learning, reviewed student goal sheets
- Increase of languages spoken by our students up from 37 to 43

Standard A3: Collaborates with staff to allocate personnel, time, material, and adult learning resources appropriately to achieve the CIWP targets

- Increased weekly co-teaching opportunities between English language learners, diverse learner teachers and general education teachers
- Next steps with co-teaching, planning time continues to be a challenge

Standard A4 Creates a safe and orderly environment

- 83.6% Sauganash cleanliness score; highest scored received by a CPS school was 86%
- Completed September, October, November and December Fire Drills
- Lock Down Drill completed December 15
- Administration supervises (when possible) drop off and pick-up traffic
- K-2 students are brought into the building prior to morning bell to assist traffic flow for student drop off
- Vision and Dental exams conducted for participating students in January and October respectively
- Safe Route Ambassadors presented to 2nd grades on bike safety October 24

Competency B: Creates Powerful Professional Learning Systems to Guarantee Learning for All Students

Standard B1: Works with and engages staff in the development and continuous refinement of a shared vision for effective teaching and learning by implementing a standards-based curriculum relevant to student needs and interest, research-based effective practice, academic rigor, and high expectations for student performance in every classroom.

- Network 1 literacy and math quarterly P.D. provided to all new teachers
- ACCESS testing in progress for all ELL students
- Scientists for Tomorrow youth programs for the Physics of Sound and Mathematics of Music

Standard B2: Evaluates the effectiveness of teaching and holds individual teachers accountable for meeting their goals by conducting frequent formal and informal observations in order to provide timely written feedback on instruction, preparation, and classroom environment as a part of REACH Students

- REACH Observations completed first round of observations for all Non-PAT teachers, second round observations for all PAT teachers started
- Completed 3 co-teaching observations

Competency C: Builds a Culture Focused on College and Career Readiness

Standard C1: Leads a school culture and environment that successfully develops the full range of students' learning capacities, creative, social-emotional, behavioral, and physical

- Fall Sports Assembly and Chief Awards announced on November 22
- KidsGardening Grant written to fund a vegetable garden for our students to maintain
Authors: Ms. Tianis and Mrs. McGowan
- Teachers of Critical Languages Program; Grant written to apply for a Mandarin Teacher for the 2017-18 school year Authors: Ms. Ihana, Mrs. Mackin and Mrs. McGowan

Competency D: Empowers and Motivates Families and the Community to Become Engaged

Standard D1: Proactively engages families and communities in supporting their child's learning and the school's learning goals

- **Principal Coffees:** Room Parent coffees-1st covered roles and responsibilities and 2nd coffee will cover how to support PTA benefit committee in fundraising and communication to families about the Benefit
- **Realtor Open House:** Principal collaborated with PTA to have an open house for local realtors on December 1
- **Sauganash Chamber Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Sauganash Singers Choir performed for the first time at the Chamber's annual tree lighting ceremony at The Polish National Alliance/. Thank you Mrs. Serna for chaperoning and performing for our community!
- **Holiday/Thank You Letters:** Sauganash students wrote letters for Dist. 17 Police Officers, for our local fire house on Pulaski and Peterson and for senior citizens in assisted living

Competency E: Relentlessly Pursues Self-Disciplined Thinking and Action

- Joyful, Merry and Bright Assembly: We are so thankful to have Mrs. Sandy Serna teach our K-4 and choir students songs from around the world with creative dance moves and performing on the recorders and Orff instruments. Many compliments have been shared with Mrs. Serna and Principal regarding the student performance
- Creates and supports a climate that values, accepts and understands diversity in culture and point of view. Recognition is given to staff members and students in forms of "shout outs" during end of the day announcements, staff meetings, and articles in the Sounds, and weekly emails

Internal Accounts

Notification of School Expenditures in Excess of \$1,000, but Less than \$9,999.99

At the Approval of school expenditures under \$10,000.00

July 13, 2016 regular meeting, the LSC voted to allow the Principal to make individual expenditures from \$1,000 to \$9,999.99 without LSC approval, such expenditures to be reported when check is made and email will go to our committee members and notification will be made

to the entire to the LSC in writing in the next Principal's Report, indicating the amount, nature and purpose of the expenditure and the internal account from which such expenditure was taken.

Examples are: gym uniforms, textbooks and consumables for students, pictures and yearbooks for students, cookie dough fundraisers, etc.

Collective Bargaining Agreement Adjustment

Supplemental General State Aid (SGSA) funded positions (FUND 225): schools are responsible to use current SGSA pointer line to cover the required position updates.

Money was transferred from our FY2016 rollover funds in the amount of \$2,927.57 and \$7,701.50 for 3 positions and position benefits.

All SBB and other locally funded positions (FUND 115 and 114): additional local funds were allocated and loaded to schools to cover the increased costs.

LSC notification to pay Academic Advantage for chromebook repairs; a check was written on December 19, 2016 to Academic Advantage in the amount of \$1,374.00 from the Computer Ed line. There is \$1,693.64 in the account before the check was written.