

# Principal's Report

October 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:** None

**School Usage:** None

**Attendance:** September 97.80 %

**Medical Compliance:** 93.98

## **Announcements:**

**Principal Appreciation Day:** I would really like to thank everyone for acknowledging me this past week. I received such wonderful notes from parents, students and staff – Thank you to all for your well wishes to me-I feel APPRECIATED!

## **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.

- **Strategic Plan:** Strategic plan was shared to all parents, LSC member on Parent Orientation Night and provided at both September and October LSC meetings
- **Parent Orientation Presentation:** Included CIWP If, and Then statements
- **CIWP Continuous Improvement Work Plan:** up date given at Meeting

**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.

- All teachers analyzed MTSS list of students and discussed Tier 1 and 2 students and prior year's final grade performance
- MTSS Math and Reading groups have started meeting weekly with focus on Tier 3 students to gather evidence for possible Individualized Education Plan
- 100% co-teaching in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades do opportunities between diverse learner teachers and general education teachers

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

- Math Mania – Sauganash Math Enrichment Club meets Tuesday mornings with Mr. Ciucci, Mrs. French and Mrs. McGowan to compete in local math competitions

- Teachers shared “What I want my students to know before my grade level, What I must have taught before students leave my grade level”
- Anti-Bullying program incorporated with MTSS. Professional development (SEL) Social and Emotional Learning Standards and Co-Teaching with ESL/DL teachers in the general education class setting
- Co-Teaching models, strategies, modifications and accommodations provided to ELL/DL students, reviewed teaching strategies and REACH expectations with staff
- NWEA-MAP Skills Basic Workshop: We were chosen by Network 1 to be given professional development for teachers and administration on how to provide personalized learning lessons for our students 2-8. We are looking to use this program in conjunction with Compass Learning. Classes will be trained in November
- Network Summits on Powerful Classroom Practice Focus: Agency, Authority and Identity

Standard A4 Creates a safe and orderly environment

- Completed September and October Fire Drills
- Earthquake Drill completed October 19
- Kiss N’ Go - Traffic has improved and Construction has been moving along, we are hopeful to finish before Thanksgiving break

**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.

- Writing Grades: We have integrated writing in social studies and language arts as a sub grade and not a stand alone grade.
- Newsela, No Red Ink, and Paragraph Punch web-based programs have been purchased to support student learning.
- Screening Tests completed for all students indicating an additional language spoken in homes-via English Language Survey
- We have increased the amount of languages spoken in our students’ homes to 44
- Bilingual Advisory Committee has been formed with 4 BAC meetings on the calendar
- Documentation for monitoring transitioning and refusal students to the English as a Second Language is underway to evaluate student progress

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 Orientation given to all staff members
- All teacher observations (formal/informal) have begun 4 formal observations have been completed since the first week in October

### **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

- **Community Helpers/Careers** parents visited kindergarten class to talk about their professions
- **Committee Goal Setting:** Museum of Science and Industry (MSI) Committee, STEAM Committee, Second Step - BPCC Committee, ILT/MTSS Committees, and Grant Writing, and Family Reading Nights have all met and have set goals to accomplish for this year.
- **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Test Prep:** We are partnering with Test Prep Chicago to provide a test prep course for high school entrance exam. Classes are held weekly after-school
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expectation Contract:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents will be invited to a mandatory meeting on Nov. 8 to understand and encourage all eighth graders to do their best all year including after being accepted to high schools

### **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

- **Whole Foods LotOberfest:** We had a great turnout of students to celebrate Whole Foods new parking lot. Donations from the event went to our PTA
- **Parent Orientation Night:** Staff Intro, Curriculum Goals, Strategic Plan, Budget, Student Data
- **Principal Coffees** with New Families and Room Parents Informational meeting and Q&A

### **Competency E: Relentlessly Pursues Self-Disciplined Thinking and Action**

**Standard E1:** 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, weekly emails

- **Anti-Bullying Assembly:** together we recognized Sauganash new program to promote bully awareness, definition of bully and how to “Stop bullying and be a Hero” all students participated in an age appropriate assembly.
- **Weekly Newsletters** sent home communicates our celebrations

### **Internal Accounts**

**Notification of School Expenditures in Excess of \$1,000, but Less than \$4,999.99**

**At the Approval of school expenditures under \$5,000.00**

July 13, 2017 regular meeting, the LSC voted to allow the Principal to make individual expenditures from \$1,000 to \$4,999.99 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.

LSC notification to pay Lowry McDonnell Company for science tables; a check was written on August 18, 2017 to Lowry McDonnell Company in the amount of \$4,199.09 from the Gym Uniform line. There is \$10,918.05 in the account before the check was written.

LSC notification to pay Goodman Theater; a check was written on September 20, 2017 to Goodman Theater in the amount of \$1,364.00 from the Field Trip line. There is \$8,327.53 in the account before the check was written.

LSC notification to pay Graphic Edge; a check was written on September 20, 2017 to Graphic Edge in the amount of \$3,315.13 from the Gym Uniforms line. There is \$5,861.96 in the account before the check was written.

**Book Transfer:** \$40,000.00 was transferred from Internal Accounts to 124 Consumable Budget line to our School Budget.