

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 19, 2019 4:30pm STEM Room**

LSC Members Present: Jenise Celestin, Leslie Combs, Chuck Deters, Jeremy Elston, Marti Hindaileh, Kathleen Hurley, Lloy Johnston, Erik Juhl, Kate Kane

LSC Members Absent: Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Whitney Norris, Karla Rivera

Public Present: Catherine Korda, Yalil Nieves, Michael Coleman

Call to Order: 4:05pm **Adjournment:** 6:07pm **Next Meeting:** January 15, 2020, 4:30pm

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
2. Call to Order – Jenise called the meeting to order at 4:05pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda - Jenise moved to move # 3 under New Business – Vote to approve Erik Juhl – to #6 under public comment, Jeremy seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: Kathleen moved to approve the minutes from November 20, 2019, Kate seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment – Catherine Korda gave an update on the Dance-A-Thon, so far they have raised over \$26,000 and the money is still coming in!
6. Discussion and Vote to approve Erik Juhl as a new teacher member of the LSC : Kathleen said Erik expressed his interest, they held a poll among teachers and everyone supported him. Jenise moved to approve Erik Juhl as new teacher representative on the LSC, Marti seconded it and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Reports

- a. PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council): Catherine reported that the last PAC meeting was a technology workshop to share info on technology used at Peterson and talk about the Aspen portal, it was not well attended so they may redo it later in the year. They are planning literacy night, the PAC/BAC are working together to plan the event with teachers. Literacy Night will be Jan. 23 from 5-7pm. They are making a concerted effort to get non-English speakers to attend.
- b. Principal's Report with Budget Update: see attached
 - i. New revised mission: *Peterson Elementary's comprehensive STEAM program and social-emotional education provides an interdisciplinary and integrated approach to learning. We differentiate support to a diverse body of learners, seeing students as current changemakers and future leaders in their community.* Kate said that they wanted to differentiate what we do differently from other CPS schools, the important parts of Peterson's identity, STEAM and social-emotional focus.
 - ii. Budget
 1. The \$40,000 negative has been cleared. The district will write all positions to align with the new CTU contract in order to fix the glitch that led to there being a negative, which will lead to Peterson getting that money back from the district.
 2. Kate shifted funds per LSC approval, which allowed her to create a TA position for kindergarten, and moved funds into the bucket position

pointer for subs for professional development and for the Rise Up program (the after-school intervention program). Kate said that the LSC needs to decide at some point what to do with the \$31,135.84 that's in the Field of Dreams account, since it's no longer needed for the field.

3. School funding – Kate pointed out that the per pupil rate is higher for k-3rd graders than from 4-8th graders, and that high schools get the higher amount that k-3 gets. There's a discussion going on now about how to more equitably fund schools, and there are public meetings where people can voice their ideas and thoughts.
 - iii. Field update – there was a final inspection of punch list items, and there are minor concerns that will be addressed in the spring including the 4-square paint and a light post cover.
 - iv. On-Track – Yalil reported that they are issuing Rise Reports to students between progress reports, the reports include GPA and attendance, which are used by CPS to determine if a student is on-track. Students who are not on-track have additional academic and social emotional support after school in the Rise Up program.
 - v. Student Voice Committees will begin in January to promote student engagement. Anyone in grades 3-8 can apply to be on a committee.
 - vi. Attendance is below 96%, they are surveying students and parents to get feedback on how to get attendance up.
 - vii. Mentoring – counselor Michael Coleman reported on the mentorship program, he said that students in 7th and 8th grade fill out applications to be mentors, or a teacher will suggest to a student that they might be a good mentor. They then match them up with younger students who are in need of extra attention. There was a discussion about the benefits of the mentoring program and how it helps both the mentors and mentees.
 - viii. Carpet and asbestos removal will happen over winter break in room 111.
 - ix. Kathleen reported that they had STEAM facility tour with CPS to talk about the program and what Peterson needs to improve as a STEAM facility, and they identified 4 priorities (see attached) – room 204, room 117, room 227 and room 109. The architect will do a walk through in January. These capital improvements to the school will be paid for by CPS because of Peterson's STEAM program.
 - c. PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee) - none
 - d. BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – reported under PAC
8. Public Comment - none

9. Old Business

- a. STEAM Updates – covered previously
- b. Student Voice Committee presentations to the LSC- covered previously
- c. Parental Permission for sexual health education – the programming is completed for this school year. The LSC will discuss this issue further, to determine if it's better to have parents receive a letter stating they can opt out rather than requiring them to opt in. There was a discussion about the best way to get feedback from parents about this issue. The LSC will reach out to the PAC and BAC to get their thoughts on how to have this discussion with the broader community.

10. New Business

- a. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds: Kate proposed the following budget transfers, Kathleen moved to approve the budget transfers, Lloy seconded the motion and the transfers were approved unanimously.

Amount	From	To	Rationale
4,748.81	24941.115.51320.29000 1.000575.2020	24941.115.51300.290001. 000575.2020	Clear Negative in 115 Position Pointer and Leave \$1,000 for Adjustments. Pointer Negative Slightly Due to Moving More Experienced Teacher into 0.5 from OLCE and 0.5 from Peterson.
1,093.36	24941.115.51320.29000 1.000575.2020	24941.115.51330.290001. 000575.2020	Clear Negative in 115 Benefits Pointer and Leave \$1,000 for Increase in Buckets. Pointer Negative Slightly Due to Moving More Experienced Teacher into 0.5 from OLCE and 0.5 from Peterson.
\$54	115-53305-119035- 000575	115-55005-119035- 000575	3 MacBook Pros for Teachers—MOST Money Coming from STEAM (price went up from the time Deters requested these and today when they finally became available to order)
\$2,600	115-53305-119035- 000575	115-54505-219005- 000575	Transfer Funds to Subscriptions for Safety Care Re-Certification for Rachel Marion, Yalil Nieves and Kate Kane and Training for Jenna Brandon.

- b. Discussion and Vote on Fundraising - the PTA is holding a book fair January 21-24 during Literacy Night. Profits will be used to purchase items that teachers have requested. Marti moved to approve this fundraiser, Chuck seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Discussion of CIWP (Continuous Improvement Work Plan) and State of the School. The State of the School report is on January 7th, 4-5:30pm. They want to get as many parents and educators there as possible and will use feedback to inform CIWP process. Pizza will be provided.
- d. Adjournment: Jenise adjourned the meeting at 6:07