

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Thursday, October 21, 2021 5:30PM via Google Meet:

LSC Members Present	LSC Members Absent
Jenise Celestin	Reggie Newton
Carmen Rodriguez	
John Sullivan-Knoff	
Yalil Nieves	
Jeremy Elston	
Maleeha Mubashiruddin	
Erik Juhl	
Sarah Colella	
Kathleen Hurley	
Eric Staswick	

LSC Members: Jenise Celestin, Carmen Rodriguez, John Sullivan-Knoff, Yalil Nieves, Jeremy Elston, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Erik Juhl, Reggie Newton, Sarah Colella, Kathleen Hurley, Eric Staswick

Public Present	
Catherine Korda	
Grace Battista	
Jackie Spinner	
Kyla Klein	
Sarah Smith (@6:10 pm)	

Call to Order: 4:35 PM

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 15th @5:30pm

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings

2. Call to Order
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. approved
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting [minutes](#)
 - a. Approved with edit
5. Public Comment
 - a. None

6. Reports

- PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council)
 - Catherine Korda (CK) reports
 - Oct meeting: talked about pediatric COVID vaccine, over 50 parents attend
 - Nov Meeting: Understanding child's progress, teachers talked about conferences, understanding test scores and using Aspen. More than 40 parents attended.
 - Pleased with turn out and
 - Officers: CK is Chair; Lynda Gibson is Vice-Chair; Rachida Dini is Secretary; and Michele Hong Herro is Outreach Coordinator.
- BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee)
 - Grace Batista reports
 - Shares new officers: President- Joy Yam, VP- Yeneth Esquivel, Secretary- Yeni Esquivel, Representatives- Carmen Karnuth & Caitlin Lassus
 - JSK suggests broader name for council, GB explains name is set by CPS. CR shares: "I believe the BAC, which is a relatively new construct, is intended to serve the ELL community in support of students who are or will become bilingual in a native language and English. Would love to aspire to everyone becoming multi-lingual - it's how I hope to spend my retirement!"
- Principal's Report
 - Financial
 - Internal Accounts
 - Balance just over \$68K, a lot of income coming from student fees. \$14k since beginning of year
 - Upcoming expenses from internal accounts: field trips (ie 5th grade trip transportation cost is \$1100)
 - Bucket Expenditures
 - Will continue to show a negative, but not a true negative.
 - \$69,000 Out of School Time award given to Peterson. Used to fund summer programming. Have nearly \$32,000 to use for out of school activities plus additional administration funds to support supplies for out of school activities.
 - Received 10,000 for operation costs

- Moving together funds used to compensate staff for family engagement activities.
- Closed AP position but will reopen when ready to hire.
- No budget transfers
- Field Funds
 - Cost of project just over \$1.3 million, were told we had \$625,000 remaining to be used only for field or field related spending. Facilities requested using funds for other building updates. Requested adjustment to terms, request was denied. 11/1 CPS said they would be sending someone from planning and design to assess need. Wishlist items are considered maintenance and therefore cannot use TIF funds. TIF funds must also be used by the community. Unclear if any of the remaining funds are available, even for qualified projects. YN asked for clarification. CR shared language used typically indicates project has balanced at zero, not that the funds no longer exist.
- Facility
 - Waiting on quotes for light upgrade throughout building.
 - Assessing needs in auditorium and then requesting quotes for lighting/electrical
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- Enrollment
 - Kindergarten low, losing some students.
- Attendance
 - Continues to be a struggle. Currently at 93.3%, goal is 96%
 - Expect attendance to decline significantly due to families travelling
 - Continuing celebrations but moving away from celebrating only 100% attendance.
 - Times when COVID is high also have lower attendance
- CIWP
 - Focusing on student voice, including student voice clubs, and highlighting effect of exercising voice
 - Spirit Week coming up, led by students
 - Community Day coming up. Each classroom decides how they will participate. Intended to break up the typical academic day and allow interactions around the building they normally don't interact with on a day to day basis.
 - Climate and Culture team continues to meet bi-weekly
- Balanced Assessment and Grading
 - Teams meet weekly, using data to identify problems and then engage in professional learning

- MM asks about STAR 360 reception by teachers. KH shares short (about 20 min each), reports are valuable but not always accurate because it is just one moment in time. Using multiple measures when identifying problem of practices.
- Family & Community Engagement
 - Had outdoor community circle (Pastries w/Principle)
 - Next will be 12/14 at 9:15am
 - 2% increase in SchoolCNXT
 - MM asks if LSC community members can have access to School CNXT
 - Plans: parent volunteer opportunities, winter event, office hours, increase number of positive phone calls home
- COVID Response
 - Ask parents to notify school when student is positive in addition to self-reporting to CPS
 - Make sure contact information is current
 - In last few weeks, any positive cases have been handled quickly by contact tracing team. So far 17 cases. Continuing with other mitigation measures. About 250 students and staff have signed up for weekly testing.
 - Daily health screener needs to review daily with child before coming to school. If any are “yes,” the student needs to remain home. Seeing students with fever, coughs and other COVID like symptoms right at start of school day.
 - MM shares Swedish has evening vaccination clinics
 - YN shares trying to find opportunities for vaccinations to happen at school
- Counseling
 - Focused on high school applications. Meet individually with each 8th grader and often meeting with families.
 - Continuing to run Peer Mentoring Program, 5th grade tier 1 SEL supports
- Safety
 - Looking to get air quality assessment in cafeteria, looking into acquiring additional water fountains that have bottle filler attachment.
- Staffing
 - Interviewing for school assistant
 - Opening for sped teacher (have strong student teacher candidate in house), Filled 1 SECA positions and 1 still open
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- Professional Development
 - PD ELL module, Safe schools, Calm Classroom

- MM wants to acknowledge the wide range of books available that offer windows and mirrors for all students.
 - After hours
 - Fall session ending, Winter will be starting
 - KH acknowledges effort and time teachers are doing to provide after school. YN shares they are doing a great job with COVID safety.
 - FoP
 - Virtual giving tree beginning this week
 - Would like to also have a pop up in person giving tree
 - Trying to purchase 15 computer for teachers
 - New video form Chuck Deters
- PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee)
 - None
- Public Comment
 - None

7. Old Business

- LSC Committees for 2021-2022 School Year
 - Parent Engagement Committee
 - With PAC and BAC focused on parent engagement, does it make sense to change focus of this committee? SC would like to have a Diverse Learners Committee to help ensure perspective of diverse learner families is represented.
 - CR asks about working with PAC and if the committee duplicates work of any other group, SC response that it does not.
 - MM checking to see what procedure is required to officially form committees.
 - ByLaws Committee
 - Have tried to meet but unable to so far
 - Principal Evaluation Committee
 - Has not met yet. Expect to begin in February.
 - MM shares there is a LSC forum where evaluations procedure will be discussed. Normally there is a summative review to vote on, but summative review not happening this year.

8. New Business

- Discussion and vote on Friends of Peterson fundraising
 - Unanimously approved
- Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds
 - None

- Election of Parent Rep
 - Open Session - Introduction of Candidates
 - MM shares LSC position is through the end of this term. Elections for new term likely in April at report card pick-up.
 - Kyla Klein reads candidate statement
 - Jackie Spinner reads candidate statement
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 - Closed Session - LSC Discussion
 - Move to closed session @5:54pm
 - Open Session - LSC vote for new Parent Representative
 - Return to open session @ 6:07 pm, wait until 6:12 pm to allow people to re-join meeting
 - LSC nominates Kyla Klein
 - Roll call vote:
 - YN - abstain
 - KH - Yes
 - EJ - Yes
 - ES - Yes
 - J - Yes
 - SC - Yes
 - JC - Yes
 - CR - Yes
 - JE - Yes
 - MM - Yes
- Public Comment
 - Kyla - thanks LSC for vote of confidence and commends Jackie on her statement

9. Adjournment @6:15 pm