

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Wednesday, December 15 5:30PM via Google Meet:**

<b>LSC Members Present</b>	<b>LSC Members Absent</b>
Jenise Celestin	Maleeha Mubashiruddin
Yalil Nieves	Carmen Rodriguez
Jeremy Elston	Reggie Newton
Sarah Colella	
Erik Juhl	
Kyla Klein	
John Sullivan-Knoff	
Kathleen Hurley (@5:57pm)	
Eric Staswick (@6:01pm)	

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

<b>Public Present</b>	
Sarah Smith	

**Call to Order:** 5:40 PM      **Adjournment:** 6:28 pm    **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 20, 4:30 PM via Google Meet

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
2. Call to Order
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
  - a. Unanimously approved
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting
  - a. Correction to spelling of name. Unanimously approved.
5. Public Comment

## 6. Reports

- PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council)
- BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee)
- Principal's Report

(<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FA52PfN7JtIcMXWkQkXn7rGmBWZiHCNI>)

- Finances
  - Internal Accounts
    - Continuing to collect student fees
    - \$2,990 maintenance, \$1,017 5th grade field trip
  - Buckets
    - Reminder that negative is not a true negative, actually have OST funds available (about \$15,000 for teacher compensation, \$6,200 for supplies) to be used for after school activities
    - New Bucket: 664097 - Created to pay educators who cover classes during their prep
  - Non Payroll Lines
    - Money set aside to purchase computers for teachers.
  - Pointer Lines
    - \$118,026.56 funds returned for closed AP position
    - Any additional funds available from closed position will be used on
    - Q: Any danger of losing STEM grant funding if Ms. Hurley is filling administrative position and STEM instructional coach position. A: Grant calls for principal to determine need and for instructional coach to work with teachers, provide feedback and professional development. Greater risk in having her covering classes, which is necessary at times.
    - Q: Have there been any STEAM leadership meetings this year? A: No but hopefully in new year. Chosen not to have these meetings because teachers have expressed that they do not want anything new on their plate right now.
  - Field Funds
    - Some repairs are needed, finding out if these funds can be used for repairs.
  - Lighting/Electrical
    - CPS has approved Purchase Order for work needed in auditorium, staircases and exterior lights (in boiler house).
  - Paver Removal/Backfill
    - Damage caused by city when replacing the sidewalk. Removing extra pavers and
- New Bathroom Signage

- Have posted new signage to let people know what bathrooms are equipped with
- Long term plan to have more permanent signs.
- New signage but not a new policy for Peterson. Have encouraged students to use bathrooms they are comfortable with/that matches the gender they identify as
- Enrollment
  - Continuing to decline, family interviews indicate they are moving out of the area due to financial reasons.
  - Q: Does this align with other schools in the district? A: In network 1, absolutely. Do not have any hard data but what has been communicated between colleagues. Schools have also continued to struggle with attendance.
  - Attendance
    - Recently adjusted metrics so more students can be celebrated. Recognize and celebrate all the work the teachers, families and students are doing.
    - Working with network for small group of students who have low attendance that does appear to be due to COVID
- CIWP
  - Student Voice
    - Student led Spirit Week
    - Working to ensure kids are part of problem solving process, even when harm is done
    - After school programming
      - Survey will come out when we return from break. Most likely first day with registration happening the following week. Most programs will begin towards the end of January.
      - 7th Grade student leading Dungeons & Dragons club in January. Student initiated and found adult sponsor.
  - Balanced Assessment and Grading
    - Focusing on input based on identified problems of practice
      - Vocab, phonemic awareness and students having academic conversations are main focus
      - Next steps to try implementing identified strategies in classroom with feedback
  - Family & Community Engagement
    - Winter Wonderland event very successful. Lots of families. Used over 200 cups for hot chocolate.
    - More volunteer opportunities coming. 90 total volunteers, 40 of them are high school volunteers.
- COVID response
  - Contact tracing is not being processed as quickly. Currently have 2 cases, one from the weekend, that have not been traced yet.
  - Important for families to tell school directly when a student tests positive

- We are at 23 cases
- Vaccination rate: 20% on Friday, good when comparing to rate of vaccinated students in CPS as a whole. Would like to continue to have that number increase.
- Working to bring a vaccination clinic to Peterson. Tentatively will happen on January 7th with follow-up clinic 3 weeks later for second round.
  - Waiting to confirm but believe families will have the option to give permission for students to be vaccinated at school, during the school day without parents present.
  - Believe they are planning to be able to vaccinate 100 students.
  - Q: If it goes well, will they return? A: If it goes well believe additional events will be possible. Continuing to reach out and advocate for resources that can be brought to the community.
- Testing numbers have continued to go up. About 250 are signed up, tested about 180 last week. Informed of positive case today that was identified through surveillance testing.
- Asking all families to share vaccination card to school. There is a google form available, can send a copy with students, can stop by the school and can have it copied in main office. Vaccine information is logged in Aspen. Contact tracers don't always look at who is fully vaccinated and sent note that classroom will be flipped. The school follows up to let families know the student can return. Must be two weeks post last shot to be considered fully vaccinated.
- Counseling Updates
  - Peer mentoring program (meet briefly twice per week in cafeteria)
- Safety Committee
  - No news. Very lucky to have consistent and dedicated facilities team. Not necessarily the norm for all schools.
- Hiring & Staffing
  - Has been very difficult
  - Need a school assistant, special education teacher, 2 SECAs
  - Crossing Guard - has been very difficult to fill.
- Friends of Peterson
  - \$17,695 raised for new computers
- PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee)
- Public Comment

## **7. Old Business**

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- LSC Committee updates
  - Parent Engagement

- Would this shift to Diverse Learners committee?
- Q: Does communication from committees need to be approved by LSC? A:  
Don't believe so.
- MM has been in touch with Luis to clarify
  - Principal Evaluation
  - By Laws committee

## **8. New Business**

- Discussion and Vote on Fundraising
- Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds
- Public Comment

## **9. Adjournment**

@6:29 pm