

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 5:30PM Virtual Meeting

LSC Members Present: Jeremy Elston, Kathleen Hurley, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Yalil Nieves, Erik Juhl, Chuck Deters, Reginald Newton, Sarah Colella, Munisa Patel, Carmen Rodriguez, John Sullivan-Knoff, Jenise Celestin

LSC Members Absent:

Public Present: Elizabeth Lund, Lisa Daudey, Eric Staswick, Amy Morrison

Call to order: 5:38 PM **Adjournment:** 7:37 PM **Next Meeting:** May 13, 5:30 PM

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
2. Call to Order: MM calls @5:38pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. MM Motions to approve, KH Seconds, motion passes
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting minutes ([March 11th](#))
 - a. MM Motions to approve, KH Seconds, motion passes
5. Public Comment

6. Reports

- Principal's Report with Updates on Reopening Plan
 - Finances:
 - School fees not mandatory, internal accounts no major changes
 - What % of families paid school fees? YN will look into it
 - Graduation (date TBD) fees will be collected (supports caps & gowns, diploma covers)
 - Planning to begin with 8th grade this week
 - If a family cannot pay graduation fee it will not impede their opportunity to participate. Caps and gowns are purchased.
 - Must happen after June 17th
 - Buckets
 - \$ is available and allocated for resident teachers (\$20,000 commitment from Peterson)
 - Cost for paying teachers for Afterschool sessions
 - What happens to unused sub bucket? Some can be consolidated to make larger purchases for next year's needs
 - Non-Payroll

- \$20,000 allocated for Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
 - STEM lab curriculum, classroom teachers can now supplement with this hands on curriculum
 - Previous K-5 science curriculum went defunct. Using PLTW to fill that gap
 - PLTW intended to be interdisciplinary, which fits well within our STEAM school goals
 - PLTW has excellent professional development focused on educators as facilitators with students driving learning
- Majority for professional development
- Pointer Lines
 - -\$8875.07 Is not school responsibility to clear, COVID relief related funds (ie: Benefits for cadres)
 - School is responsible for other smaller negatives but budget department populated wrong lines (-\$165.89, -\$136.62, -\$192.86, -\$28.15)
 - YN not requesting budget transfer because unclear why it is happening. Working with central office budget department to understand before moving money. Requested explanation in writing but none given.
- Field Funds
 - CPS working with city to redefine IGA so that Peterson can have access to funds. Initial amendment denied, CPS now going through TIF process again to redefine. Timeline is estimated to be about 6 months.
 - YN has asked Alderman Nugent for support. Alderman office has also been in contact with CPS to help expedite
 - Peterson has 3 years to use funds. Not sure what happens to money if unused.
 - Security Cameras
 - \$66500 quote
 - CPS committed \$30,000
 - Current discussion with CPS: Can facilities cover whole cost and Peterson would repay once TIF funds available.
 - Field Reopening
 - Garbage is a problem. Community has expressed mixed feelings about garbage cans placed near field. In past garbage cans caused greater challenges due to overflow, rodents, etc.
- Enrollment
 - Have continued to lose enrollment
 - Trend of families who have: moving to suburbs or out of state.
 - Beginning neighborhood enrollment shortly once needed info is sent by CPS
 - Some families who left for private school have said they would like to return

- No guidance has been released regarding next year but expecting it soon
 - Plan to have meetings
 - CR: Expect new families moving into the neighborhood to stall until the housing market recovers. Unprecedented demographic shifts nationwide.
- Attendance
 - Goal is 96%, currently at 96.15%
 - Home visits have continued on Wednesdays and have partnered with network
 - Attendance trophies now videos
 - Looking at weekly trends can help strategize
- Discipline
 - No major change
 - Some logistical challenges (ie: private conversation when student is in person and teacher is remote)
- No Staffing Changes
- CIWP Updates
 - Student Voice
 - Have focused on listening to students
 - 8th graders requested field trip, ES went with his phone and 9th graders directed him remotely
 - Students apprenticing leading STEAM night activities with plan to lead in May when another STEAM night is planned
 - Rigorous Instruction
 - CDS literacies will be back in the building remotely to support 3rd and 4th graders
 - 90 minute session from Equity Center for all staff, tying with parent partnerships
 - Parent Partnerships
 - Continuing conversations about what it means to really partner with families
- Classroom
 - 466 children returning on 4/19
 - Has begun sending schedule emails. 1500 daily email limit so takes several days to send all (student, teachers and parents all receive)
 - Scheduling takes a lot of time, work towards scheduling siblings in the same pod
- PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council)
 - None
- BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee)
 - None
- PLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee)
 - None
- Public Comment

8. New Business

- No Transfer of Funds
- No Discussion and Vote on Fundraising

9. Closed Session - Principal Evaluation @??:??

- Return to open session @7:34pm
- MM to send out dates for a special meeting to continue discussion of principal evaluation

10. Adjournment @7:37pm