

PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:30pm STEM Room

Local School Council Members Present: Leslie Combs, Chuck Deters, Martha Hindaileh, Karla Holcomb, Kathleen Hurley, Kate Kane, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Whitney Norris, Karla Rivera

Local School Council Members Absent: Lloy Johnston, Tom Ruby, Jenise Celestin

Public Present: Lucy Minturn. Catherine Korda, Yalil Nieves, Nader Elmasri

Called to Order: 6:47pm **Adjourned:** 8:19 pm **Next Meeting:** February 20, 6:30pm

1. Explanation of Local School Council meetings
2. Call to Order: Maleeha called the meeting to order at 6:47pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Kathleen moved to adopt the agenda, Kate seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Maleeha recommended changes to the wording in sections 6, 7 and 8 (“enter into” and “exit” closed session) in the 12/12/18 and moved to approve the minutes with those changes. Chuck seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment
 - a. Catherine Korda announced that there will be an Aldermanic Forum on 1/24 at 7pm at the Irish American Heritage Center.

Reports

1. Reports
 - a. PAC Report (Parent Advisory Committee): Catherine Korda reported that the first ESL class was Tuesday 1/15/19 and was very successful, with 22 parents attending. Some parents are helping with translation, and a Northeastern Masters level teacher taught English as a second or other language to the parents. The next PAC/BAC meeting will be Feb. 7 and will focus on how to talk with kids about what’s in the news. Literacy night will be 1/31/19.
 - b. Principal’s Report: see attached report.
 - i. Kate reported that the STEAM RFP has been submitted. There will be a site visit in January or February and notification on March 11, 2019 about Peterson’s status in the program.
 - ii. Kate reported that the field construction document will be sent to the Field Committee on 2/14/19, and will go out to bid 2/28/19. The plan reflects

input from the Peterson community, including students. Groundbreaking is scheduled to take place before Memorial Day.

- iii. Kate reported that Peterson has 894 students, and discussed enrollment throughout the school.
- iv. Kate reported on the elements of CIWP.
- v. Kate reported on professional development opportunities for teachers and staff, and on culture and climate and community building.
- vi. Nadir reported on the Peterson behavioral health team's efforts. Peterson has a Restorative Justice coach from Alternatives. There are community circles during social/emotional learning time in class. And they are working on getting a full-time, district-funded social worker.
- vii. Yalil reported on continued efforts to improve attendance, including incentives and rewards for classes with high attendance.
- viii. Kathleen reported that they have a lot of applicants to their successful after school programs.
- ix. Kate reported that they hired a full-time art teacher.
- c. PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee): none
- d. BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee): Whitney reported that they haven't met yet this year, and referred to Catherine's report on the ESL classes.

2. Public Comment – none

Old Business

- 1. Principal Contract Renewal: Kate signed a 4-year contract, which was celebrated by the LSC.
- 2. Update on STEAM RFP: covered in the Principal's Report
- 3. Capital Improvement Project Prioritization: There was a discussion about the items that need funding at Peterson. Karla noted that we should use any available funds to pay for things that CPS won't pay for, and there was a discussion about pressuring CPS to pay for some upkeep items. Kate noted the carpet removal needed in some rooms, the auditorium and its sound system, Karla H. noted the need for more instruments, Catherine noted that there are old electrical outlets sticking up and causing a tripping hazard in some rooms. Transitioning the computer lab into a more flexible STEAM creation space was also mentioned.
- 4. CIWP Presentation dates: Scheduled for 2/20/19 at 5:30 prior to the LSC meeting and 6/13/19 at 5:30 prior to the LSC meeting.
- 5. Social Emotional Learning (Action Plan) Update: covered in the Principal's Report
- 6. Peterson Attire Update: Kate reported that the Peterson Attire Committee of students met and discussed the goals of a dress policy, the next meeting will discuss their ideas for the policy which will then be presented to the LSC.
- 7. Field Updates: covered in the Principal's Report
- 8. Garden Updates: none

9. Art Committee Updates: the committee gave feedback on the STEAM RFP
10. Peterson LSC reaching a larger community audience: plans for name tags were discussed.

New Business

1. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds: none
 2. Discussion and Vote on Fundraising
 - a. Catherine requested permission for Friends of Peterson to raise funds at Unity Through the Arts and Sciences to go towards items that teachers requested. Kate moved to grant Friends of Peterson's fundraising request, Marti seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
 3. Resident Teacher Host School Opportunity: Yalil reported that Peterson is submitting an application to become a teacher training site for Special Education resident teachers to train at the school with a mentor teacher. This is a CPS district initiative, and Peterson is interested because there is a need to train Special Education teachers, and to provide support to teachers here. They would be here for a year.
6. Adjournment –Maleeha adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm