

PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 6:30pm, STEM Room

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

Local School Council Members Absent: none

Public Present: Craighton Berman, Catherine Korda, David Wetzel, Stephen Johnson, Sarah Colella, Christopher Phillips, Nadir Elmasri, Yalil Nieves

Called to Order: 6:35 pm **Adjourned:** 9:03 pm **Next Meeting:** November 14, 9:00am

1. Explanation of Local School Council meetings
2. Call to Order - Lloy called the meeting to order at 6:35pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Lloy proposed adding discussion and advisory vote on the Academic Requests for Proposal under new business and removing the closed session for the Parent Representative election. Karla H. proposed adding Principal Evaluation discussion/dates to the agenda
 - b. Lloy moved to adopt the agenda with these 3 changes, Karla H. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Lloy moved to approve the minutes from the 9/20/18 LSC meeting, Karla H. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment
 - a. Christopher Phillips, Catherine Korda, Sarah Colella, Craighton Berman and Stephen Johnson made comments about the pros and cons of Peterson applying for the STEAM Academic RFP. Issues that were raised included: the benefits of the program and how it could help the students and teachers at Peterson; that it fits in with the programs at the high schools that Peterson feeds into; the need for teachers to have resources and support to help them implement the program throughout their curriculum. the importance of communicating and getting feedback about this program to all stakeholders in a way that doesn't make anyone feel marginalized or confused about the program; concerns about sustainability, concerns about CPS implementation and on-going support of the program; the need for more discussion around the issue that includes marginalized populations, and the importance of implementing the program thoughtfully and well.

6. Parent LSC Representative election

- a. Lloy moved to approve Whitney Norris as the new Parent Representative of the LSC to fill a vacancy, Leslie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Reports

1. Reports

- a) PAC Report (Parent Advisory Committee) – Catherine Korda reported that the PAC has had meetings this year about Title 1 with the PTA, and about understanding your child's academic progress. They also elected leaders. She reported that Math Night is October 18 and they will provide child care, dinner and door prizes for every child. They are working on more events and on getting ELL classes at Peterson
- b) Principal's Report with CIWP Update – see attached report.
 - a. There have been 2 student sessions about the field, their requests for the field parallel those of the adult committee that has been meeting, with the additional request for water fountains. CPS is going to present 2 designs, and gather several bids. Groundbreaking is tentatively going to be in May 2019. The goal is to have the work done before the students return to school in the fall of 2019.
 - b. Enrollment is at 855, just below the CPS projection of 856.
 - c. Kate reported that students talked about the Academic RFP in advisory class today, utilizing their social/emotional learning times to have their voices be heard in line with the student engagement goal of the CIWP.
 - d. They are working on restorative practices to resolve conflicts and reduce infractions.
 - e. The school is working on renewed ways to increase parent engagement and teacher/parent interaction, in line with the parent partnership goal of the CIWP.
 - f. The Spanish teacher that they hired to meet the CPS World Language School designation quit on the first day of the school, and despite all efforts to find another Spanish teacher they have not been able to find a qualified and available teacher. Kate plans to hire a full time art teacher and would like an advisory vote of the LSC on the issue.
 - g. Kate presented on the opportunities to apply for a STEAM Academic program or a Fine and Performing Arts Magnet Cluster program through CPS. She has held 2 feedback sessions for parents, and conducted an online poll where 58% of respondents wanted Peterson to apply for STEAM, 17% wanted Peterson to become a Fine and Performing Arts Magnet Cluster and 22% thought that no action should be taken at this time and more discussion should occur. Kate reported that teachers seem to be on board for the

STEAM program. There was a discussion about the STEAM program being an interdisciplinary program that could reach into all subjects.

- c) PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee)– none
- d) BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – Whitney reported that they will have a kick-off meeting at the end of this month.

2. Public Comment – none at this time

Old Business

- 1. Discuss Encore Mandates and Social Emotional Learning Curriculum
- 2. Peterson Attire Update – discussed in Principal's Report
- 3. Field Updates – discussed in Principal's Report
- 4. Garden Updates – Tom reported that design projects are being discussed with teachers and students, and that they hope to bring designs to fruition in the spring
- 5. Art Committee Updates – discussed in Principal's Report
- 6. Peterson LSC reaching a larger community audience

New Business

- 1. Discussion and Advisory Vote on Academic Request for Proposal
 - a. Lloy moved to recommend that Peterson apply for the STEAM neighborhood school program, Karla R. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
- 2. Karla H. moved to support the adjustment of the Spanish teacher position to a full-time art teacher position, Karla R. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- 3. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds - none
- 4. Discussion and Vote on Friends of Peterson Fundraising at International Night
 - a. Catherine spoke on behalf of Friends of Peterson conducting fundraising at International Night, including a Giving Tree, Plinko and Button sales.
 - b. Karla H. moved to approve Friends of Peterson fundraising at International Night, Chuck seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
- 5. Principal Evaluation – set dates for meetings
 - a. The December 12 optional LSC meeting will be a closed meeting for purposes of principal evaluation discussion.
- 6. Adjournment – Lloy adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm