**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 16, 6:00PM, STEM Room**

**Local School Council Members Present:** Naseem Azizuddin, Brian Bochenek**,** Leslie Combs, Martha Hindaileh, Karla Holcomb, Lloy Johnston, Kate Kane, Tom Ruby, Kimberly Schiller, Fady Sharshar

**Local School Council Members Absent**: Aaron Olson

**Public Present:** Jessica Espinosa, Karem Gomez, Sarah Myers, Meredith Soyster

**Called to Order:** 6:05 pm **Adjourned:** 8:19 pm **Next Meeting:** Dec. 14, 2016, 6pm

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
2. Public Comment
   1. None
3. Call to Order by Karla at 6:05pm
4. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
   1. Marti moved to approve the meeting agenda, Brian seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
5. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
   1. Brian moved to approve 10/12/16 meeting minutes, Fady seconded the motion, the minutes were approved unanimously
6. Reports
   1. PAC Report
      1. Kate reported that Math Night is 11/17/16, this is a chance for parents to go to their kids’ classrooms and participate in math related activities.
   2. Principal’s Report
      1. See attached documents for details on the budget and funding.
      2. There was a meeting regarding the details of the CTU/CPS contract. Information is available in the attached Principal’s report.
      3. Funds were released from the .5 bilingual position that was added, but then the pointer lines were locked and the funds could not be moved – Kate is going to file an appeal to get access to this funding.
      4. The account for the improvement of the field has $42,000 in it, there was a discussion on what to do with those funds. The LSC will discuss further at the next meeting.
      5. Friends of Peterson raised around $1300 at International night, and the Dance-a-Thon met their $12,500 goal! $8,000 of this will go to the PTA for sports programs, and the rest to Friends of Peterson for curriculum support aligned with the CIWP goals.
         1. Tom raised the issue of having buy-in from the students for these fundraisers, and the importance of the students participating in fundraising for the good of the school, and there was discussion of this.
      6. Attendance is at 95.78, they have started implementing make-up time on Friday afternoons for those who are tardy, and are working on meetings to increase attendance.
      7. Enrollment: some parents are unfortunately taking students out of school for extended travel, which requires them being transferred out, which affects the school and goes on students’ permanent records. They will need to be re-enrolled when they return. Several students are moving out of the area. There was a discussion on how to increase enrollment.
      8. CPS has a new system for sports, information is attached. There is a no-cut policy and games will be on Saturdays. Coaches have to apply through the park district, there’s no guarantee that they will be placed in their schools, and their stipend has been cut in half. There is a discussion of the PTA possibly covering the difference in the loss from the stipend cut. Lloy raised the possibility of having a spirit team, which everyone thought was a good idea but would require someone to run it.
      9. There is a 2nd grade teacher on leave, and a very qualified sub is teaching temporarily.
      10. The school met with Chicago Police regarding getting a crossing guard on Bryn Mawr and Christiana. 7th graders got over 500 signatures on a petition and presented data about the need for a guard there.
      11. Aramark looked at the floors that were ruined by water damage and will get back to Kate.
   3. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) Report
      1. The committee did not meet
   4. Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) Report:
      1. The BAC and PAC are working in collaboration
7. Field Status
   1. See 6 (b) (iv) – more discussion next meeting
8. Discussion of LSC Meeting Norms
   1. There was discussion the previously suggested norms (1. Be on time, 2. Be committed to be part of the process, 3. Participate and be present, 4. Say you can attend if you are coming, 5. Yield the floor when appropriate)
   2. #4 was changed to – Make every effort to attend every meeting, let the Chair know if you can’t make it. And an addition of – Come prepared, review relevant materials.
9. The CIWP Meeting will be at the PAC meeting on December 6 at 8:45am
10. Letter to Send to CPS leadership
    1. Karla emailed the letter to Forrest Claypool and Ald. Laurino, and handed it to Janice Jackson.
11. Other Old Business
    1. None
12. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds
    1. Kate made a motion that, if the pointer lines discussed above should be unlocked, that $31,612.26 be moved from line 24941.115.51300.290001.00575 to line 24941.115.53305.119035.000575 and that $7,036.92 be moved from line 24941.115.51330.290.001.000575 to line 24941.115.53305.119035.000575. Karla seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
13. Discussion of Staff Parking Request of Alderman
    1. Will be discussed next meeting
14. Discussion of CPS Elementary Sports Program Change
    1. Previously discussed
15. Discussion of Raise Your Hand Letter to CPS from LSCs Regarding SpEd Funding
    1. LSC members are being invited to sign on to a letter re: Special Education funding, Karla will send the link so that members will have the option to sign
16. Discussion of Peterson Election Coverage
    1. Kate sent a message after the election that all students are embraced and loved at Peterson.
    2. There were interesting class projects focusing on elections and the Presidential election
    3. Peterson is welcoming to everyone and our diversity is our strength, this is being communicated to students and parents. The Culture and Climate Team is working on a plan to show that Peterson embraces diversity and that Peterson is a safe and welcome place for all students.
17. Discussion of Principal Evaluation Process: Section 1
18. Other New Business
    1. Lloy raised an issue that the owner of Maison de Castenleau discussed with her, they are exploring getting a liquor license so that they can serve drinks like mimosas until 4pm at the latest, and wanted to see if the LSC had any objections. There were no objections
    2. Karla raised the issue of the importance of students learning keyboarding skills, and a discussion followed. The ideas of having a good website communicated to parents or an after school class was discussed.
    3. Karla attended a meeting with Dr. Janice Jackson, CPS Chief Education Officer. She discussed CPS’s academic progress, financial stability and integrity, and celebrating successes. There was discussion on the pointer lines being closed and Special Education Funding.
19. Public Comment
    1. Sarah Myers, the mother of a kindergartner at Peterson, asked what the school is implementing to make sure that students are and feel safe in the post-election climate. Kate said that CPS sent a letter to families saying all families are welcome and safe at CPS schools. Schools don’t ever ask students for proof of legal status in the US. Sarah said she was grateful for Kate’s message after the election that all students are embraced and loved at Peterson. Kate said that there are social and emotional staff supports in place and they are working on a Peterson Peace Project on a short and long term plan on how to let students know they’re safe and welcome at Peterson. North Park community members have created “Hate Has No Home Here” yard and window signs that show the community’s support of people from all backgrounds.
20. Adjournment
    1. Karla moved to adjourn, Lloy seconded the motion, and the vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.