

PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 6:00pm, STEM Room

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

Local School Council Members Absent: Naseem Azizuddin, Brian Bochenek, Aaron Olson

Public Present: Chuck Deters (Non-Teacher LSC member, awaiting Board approval), Yalil Nieves, Scott Topel

Called to Order: 6:04 pm **Adjourned:** 7:52 pm **Next Meeting:** December 13, 6pm (optional)

1. Explanation of Local School Meetings
2. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Lloy at 6:08pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Lloy moved to approve the meeting agenda, Kim seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Lloy moved to approve the 10/11/17 meeting minutes with discussed changes, Kim seconded the motion and they was approved unanimously.
5. Vote to Approve Replacement of Non-Teacher Staff member
 - a. Kate held a straw poll of Peterson non-teaching staff for Chuck Deters to fill the non-teacher staff vacancy on the LSC and it was a unanimous positive response. Lloy moved to add Chuck Deters on as the non-teacher LSC member pending CPS approval, Kate seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
6. Peterson's Dance-a-thon fundraiser is going to be later this month. The goal is to raise \$15,000. The PTA would get the first \$4,000, Friends of Peterson would get the next \$8,000 to be used for encore classes. After that, 2/3 goes to Friends of Peterson and 1/3 goes to the PTA. Donations can be made on line, or with a check or cash, and donations over \$20 get a tax-exempt letter.
 - a. Lloy moved to accept the request for the Dance-a-Thon fundraiser, Kate seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Reports
 - a. PAC Report
 - i. Scott Topel reported that they gave a presentation to the PAC on social/emotional learning at Peterson.
 - b. Principal's Report
 - i. See attached Principal's report
 - ii. They are working to get all family income forms completed and turned in.

- iii. The prospective parent sessions went well, there were good numbers of parents there, and the student ambassadors did a good job giving tours. The deadline to submit applications to attend a school that is not your neighborhood school is 12/22, applications must be submitted to go.cps.edu.
 - iv. Scott Topel gave a Culture and Climate update. They are working on renewing the Exemplary Supportive Schools Certification. The school climate self-assessment is completed and they will now establish an action plan
 - v. Peterson has been chosen as an outstanding model of social and emotional learning and will host a visit for people around the country in Chicago for the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, or CASEL, conference next spring
 - vi. PIF updates – there is more of a balance in teacher and administration handled incidents this year, and more positive referrals as well.
 - vii. Suspensions have increased this year because they are enforcing a no-tolerance policy for pushing, fighting, etc.
 - viii. After hours is going well and 300 students are enrolled in at least one academic or enrichment program. If there is a parent who is a substitute teacher, they can participate in after-school programming.
 - ix. Sports – there are more teams than ever before, 92 students have signed up for basketball. Yasmin Navarro represented Peterson at the City cross country meet!
 - x. Yalil gave a report on enrollment and attendance. Attendance is 97.13 %, which is higher than the 96% goal.
 - xi. Kate reported that there was a CPS review of the diverse learners program at Peterson.
 - xii. Student Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) – Peterson is Level 1, there is a plan in place to move back up.
- c. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) Report
 - i. None
- d. Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) Report
 - i. BAC is combined with PAC
- e. Public Comment
 - i. none
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Field Status – no update
 - b. Roof Garden – Tom reached out to the primary grades to see if they wanted to use rooftop garden space in conjunction with their curriculum and got a very enthusiastic response. Kate has reached out to facilities and hasn't heard back.
- 9. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds – none
 - b. Other New business

- i. There was a discussion of the format of the minutes and placement of public comments on the agenda.
- ii. Kate announced that the State of the School report would be the evening of November 14th

10. Public Comment

- a. None

11. Lloy adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.