

PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 6:00pm 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, Whitney Norris, Karla Rivera, Tom Ruby

Local School Council Members Absent: none

Public Present: Nader Elmasri, Yalil Nieves

Called to Order: 6:03pm **Adjourned:** 8:12 pm **Next Meeting:** May 18, 9am

1. Explanation of Local School Council meetings
2. Call to Order: Lloy called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Lloy requested to add an item under new business to discuss a new Parent LSC Representative to take Karla Holcomb's spot after this school year ends. Leslie moved to accept the agenda with that change, Kathleen seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Lloy noted spelling changes to the 2/20/19 meeting minutes. Kathleen moved to approve the 2/20/19 meeting minutes with those changes, Leslie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously
5. Public Comment - none

Reports

1. Reports
 - a. PAC Report (Parent Advisory Committee): Yalil reported that the meeting on restorative justice was well attended and well received. Tom suggested that this topic be covered in a meeting earlier in the year to allow parents to use the tools they learned about throughout the school year.
 - b. Principal's Report: see attached report.
 - i. Kate discussed the current school year's budget.
 - ii. The Field groundbreaking was very successful, and included elected officials, parents, teachers and students. The CPS project manager for the new field said that the notice of award will be coming soon, and the field construction should start the last week in April. The field will not be able to be utilized during construction. School administration will be communicating with parents about how this will affect recess and drop off/pick up.

- iii. Kate reported that enrollment projections for the next school year are as expected. They held prospective parent/student open houses that were well attended. Enrollment is happening April 22-26 from 8:45am-3:45pm, and April 23 and April 25 from 4pm-6pm. She asked the LSC and community to get the word out.
- iv. Yalil reported that attendance is at 95.32% and they are continuing to work hard to bring that number up through individual contact with students and families, and incentives.
- v. Kate requested a budget transfer of \$18,000 from Instructional Materials to Subscriptions, to pay for subscriptions for next year that are important to students' education, including Lexia, Brain Pop and Freckle. Karla H. moved to transfer \$18,000 from Instructional Materials to Subscriptions, Lloy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- c. PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee): Kathleen reported that they have a new union representative.
- d. BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee): Yalil reported that they are working on electing new officers
- 2. Public Comment - none

Old Business

- 1. STEAM Update – Peterson was chosen for the STEAM designation!
- 2. Field Updates – covered previously
- 3. Capital Improvement Project Prioritization – Stephen Johnson is working on a list of improvement projects needed at the school, including costs and ranking of need. The LSC will discuss this list at the next meeting
- 4. Fundraising policy for outside organizations – tabled until next meeting
- 5. Social Emotional Learning (Action Plan) Updates - Peterson is now an established Social and Emotional Learning school, we met all 8 criteria and will have a site visit in May to determine if Peterson will reach exemplary status again.
- 6. Peterson LSC reaching a larger community audience – there was a discussion about the best dates and times that would enable more people to attend LSC meetings. The LSC discussed better ways to communicate and get the word out, and to let people know what topics will be covered at the LSC meeting. Lloy will write a few key bullet points from the LSC meetings that will be included in the school newsletter.
- 7. Teacher Residency Site Update – Yalil reported that Peterson did not get the teacher residency position.
- 8. LSC Parent position opening after school year ends – Karla Holcomb's tenure on the Peterson LSC is ending after the end of this school year, we will need a new Parent Representative. Kate will make an announcement in the newsletter and the LSC will vote at the June meeting.

New Business

1. Discussion and Vote 2019/2020 Budget
 - a. See attached budget summary for FY2020
 - b. Peterson is facing a very tight budget that reflects a loss in several funding sources.
 - c. There is a 2.5% COLA increase in per-pupil funding from CPS, but since FY16, there has been an almost 10% increase in salaries and multiple decreases in per pupil rates during that time period. The per-pupil rate is not increasing at the rate of teacher raises. The supplemental aid from the state for Peterson was reduced because there are fewer families qualifying for free/reduced lunch. In addition, Title I Federal funding has been decreasing, and Title II funding has also been decreasing and unfortunately this year has been zeroed out for Peterson.
 - d. On the positive side, Peterson is getting an additional .5 increase for a non-classroom bilingual coach, 2 additional staff from the STEAM designation (1 coach and 1 middle school science position) and one additional security guard.
 - e. The administration has found a way to keep all existing full-time teaching positions and to keep classroom sizes small. The 5-8 culture/climate coordinator position will be cut, despite the importance of that position to the school.
 - f. Kate plans to utilize a less expensive Playworks option called Team-Up, that provides coaching to current Peterson staff who are running recess, one week out of every month. There was a discussion of the benefit of this coaching, and Kate will talk to Playworks to make sure they have the right coach available who will be able to make this work at Peterson.
 - g. Lloy moved to approve the budget that Kate submitted, Karla R. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds - none
3. Discussion and Vote on Fundraising - none
4. Adjournment –Lloy adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm