

**LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2019 4:00PM STEM ROOM**

Local School Members Present: Jenise Celestin, Leslie Combs, Jeremy Elston, Marti Hindaileh, Kathleen Hurley, Lloy Johnston, Kate Kane, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Karla Rivera

Local School Members Absent: Chuck Deters, Whitney Norris

Public Present: Yalil Nieves, Catherine Korda, Niki Anderson, Martinique Hallerduff, Sandra Morichi

Called to Order: 4:06

Adjourned: 6:40pm

Next Meeting: Dec. 19, 4:30

1. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
2. Call to Order
3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda: Maleeha suggested the following changes to the agenda: under New Business after item number 3, add discussing CIWP public meetings, and after item number 4, add amending the date of the December meeting and the times of future meetings. Lloy moved to accept those changes, Jeremy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – Maleeha moved to approve the minutes, Karla seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
5. Public Comment – observers introduced themselves.

Reports

1. Reports
 - a. PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council) – Catherine Korda reported that the PAC has met three times since the last LSC meeting. In October they talked about understanding students' academic progress and NWEA scores, and the meeting was well attended. They also had math night, the sessions were interactive, attendance was good and feedback was positive. This week the Chicago Women's Health Center presented about 4th-8th grade sexual education. They're going to talk about technology at the December meeting.
 - b. Principal's Report with Budget Update – see attached report.
 - i. Relevant to the strike, Kate and Yalil wanted to show their support of teachers and staff during the strike. The two of them were the only Peterson staff in the building during the strike, with additional support staff from CPS, along with about 40 kids. There was a lot of support for teachers from parents, students and the community during the strike outside the building, which Kate said was very much appreciated and her appreciation was reflected in her letter to families after schools started.
 - ii. Relevant to some of the issues that the strike highlighted – as of this school year Peterson has a full-time social worker and one social worker who is here intermittently. There is also a nurse in the school every day, through the company RCN that CPS contracts with -but that nurse is not the same person year to year and week to week. It would be better for students if there could be a dedicated nurse who is at the school full-time. There are also two CPS nurses

intermittently throughout the week for a total of 2.5 days a week to help with IEPs.

- iii. Budget – in early October Kate noticed a \$40,000 negative in the regular position pointer. She immediately contacted CPS and was told it was due to adjustments being made at different times. But she looked into it and found that there were some discrepancies between what they put in the software and what was being credited to the position. She found that about \$25,000 is Peterson's responsibility because of new hires with more experience. Kate is working to get the \$15,000 back and is hoping for a solution before the end of the week. She's recommending that today we clear the negative so she can move forward with other things that she isn't able to do otherwise.
- iv. Peterson got two additional special education teachers and one special education classroom assistant. Jenna Brandon helped that effort.
- v. The LSC will be voting on shifting funding from a centrally-funded .5 bilingual coach to be created into a full-time TA who can do kindergarten intervention. This is possible because Jenna Brandon was moved to a case manager position. We are anticipating getting back about \$50,000 to go to the TA position. They tried finding a bilingual coach but were not successful.
- vi. STEAM requests – see attached for details of the \$35,000 in requests Peterson has made relevant to the STEAM program.
- vii. Peterson needs to hire 3 full-time special education teachers and 2 full-time and 2 temporary special education classroom assistants.
- viii. Field updates: final inspection is pending, and they are working on a few final pieces. Kids love the field and the nature area. Lloy and Marti noted how great it is to see all of the activity on the field in the evenings and weekends, including families and kids of all ages. There has been a lot of positive feedback in general about the field.
- ix. School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) update (SQRP is the District's policy for measuring annual school performance): Peterson is now a level one school, details are attached. There will be a renewed focus on math growth at the school. Attainment scores were really good for the higher grades. Currently attendance is 20% of the SQRP, which is one major reason why Peterson is now a level 1. The SQRP formula is changing and students being on-track, which will include attendance and Grade Point Average, will be 10%. Peterson will focus on getting students on-track and will be issuing rise reports with on-track status, then working with students to get them on track.
- x. There was also a discussion about using active opt-in for the sexual health classes. Peterson's healthy schools rating is affected by actively having parents opt in rather than opting everyone in unless parents sign the form to opt kids out. This discussion will be continued.
- xi. Rigor - there is a renewed focus on rigorous tasks, and there's a new tool for teachers and teams to analyze rigor that is creating opportunities for discussion.
- xii. Student engagement and voice – Karla suggested that students present at LSC meetings so their voice is heard. Lloy pointed out that there is an optional student LSC representative for elementary schools and suggested we have 4 students participate. Lloy and Karla will look at the LSC application. There are community circles/restorative practice circles in classrooms once a week to give students a voice.

- xiii. Attendance – they are working hard to keep it above 96%. Teachers talked about attendance at report card pick up and are working very hard to motivate students and let parents and students know how important attendance is.
 - xiv. Dance-a-thon – Catherine Korda reported that the PTA and Friends of Peterson will raise funds at the event towards STEAM programs, including arts enrichment. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 and if they reach their goal Kate and Yalil will lead the school in a school-wide dance.
 - xv. There was a discussion of the Give Me Five Campaign to get parents to volunteer five hours of their time, and how to get parents to volunteer in ways they are comfortable with and interested in. There is a real need for more parents to volunteer and be involved.
 - c. PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee) - none
 - d. BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – none
2. Public Comment - none

Old Business

1. STEAM Updates – the Peterson administration is asking for feedback and ideas on modifying Peterson’s mission to better reflect our status as a STEAM neighborhood school that aims us toward our vision.

New Business

2. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds and Adjustment of Positions. Kate requested the following budget transfers - Maleeha moved to approve the proposed budget transfers and adjustment of positions. Leslie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously:

Amount	From	To	Rationale
40,571.91	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020 \$93,428.75	24941.115.51300.290001.00057 5.2020	Clear Negative in Pointer Line (\$40,571.91) Remaining: \$52,856.84
5,101.44	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020	24941.115.51330.290001.00057 5.2020	Clear Negative in Benefits Pointer Remaining 47,755.40
5,000.00	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020	24941.115.51320.290001.00057 5.2020	Create Bucket for Accompanist for Choir 42,755.40

5,000.00	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020	24941.115.51320.290001.00057 5.2020	Create Bucket for Math Games for Encore (Needed to Make Extra Choirs Work) 37,755.40
500.00	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020	24941.115.51330.290001.00057 5.2020	Transfer Funds to Benefits to Create Two Buckets 37,255.40
18,627.70 to Each Lines	24941.115.57940.119035.00057 5.2020	24941.115.53305.119035.000575 .2020 24941.115.53405.119035.000575 .2020	Move Funds to Instructional Materials and Supplies to Purchase Books, Resources
	Close 0.5 BIL Position Created to Create 1.0 BIL Position	When Funds Drop, Create TA Position for Kindergarten Intervention	
	Staff Current Staff Member in 0.5 BIL Coach Now Teacher Position	When Funds Drop, Move Funds from Regular 115 Pointer to 115 Bucket Pointer to Use for EL Instruction PD	
4,072.68	24941.115.51330.290001.00057 6.2020	24941.115.51300.290001.00057 6.2020	Clear Negative in Pointer Line
5,658.46	24941.332.53305.119015.43023 4.2020	24941.332.51300.290001.43023 4.2020	Clear Negative in Pointer Line
149.36	24941.332.53305.119015.43023 4.2020	24941.332.51330.290001.43023 4.2020	Clear Negative in Pointer Line

3. Discussion and vote on fundraising – Catherine requested approval for the Dance-a-thon fundraiser, on behalf of PTA and Friends of Peterson. PTA's goal is \$4410, and Friends of Peterson would get the remainder. Lloy moved to approve the proposal for fundraising for the Dance-a-thon, Karla seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
4. Discussion about current open teacher member position on the LSC – teachers are being asked if they want to run, then there would be a vote among teachers and the LSC.
5. Discussion of CIWP public meetings – the LSC needs to have 2 public meetings inviting parents to weigh in on the CIWP. There was a discussion of doing it on family movie night on January 9th, they will talk about it with the PTA first. LSC members could help lead small group discussions. The second meeting will be in June at the last LSC meeting.
6. Discussion about amending December meeting date and time of future meetings. Maleeha moved to change 4:00 meetings to 4:30 start time, Karla seconded it and it was approved unanimously. Maleeha moved to change the December 19 meeting time to 4:30, Leslie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
7. Discussion about current SQRP – already covered
8. Adjournment – Maleeha adjourned the meeting