

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 6:30PM Virtual Meeting**

LSC Members Present: Chuck Deters, Marti Hindaileh, Kathleen Hurley, Erik Juhl, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Leslie Combs, Yalil Nieves, Jeremy Elston, Jenise Celestin, Lloy Johnston

LSC Members Absent: Karla Rivera, Whitney Norris

Public Present: Carmen Rodriguez, Catherine Korda, Craig Lichtenberg, John Knoff, Sarah Colella, Sarah Smith

Call to Order: 6:33PM **Adjournment:** 8:00 PM **Next Meeting:** November 12, 4:30 PM

1. Call to Order: Maleeha called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
 2. Explanation of Local School Council Meetings
 3. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Maleeha moved to approve agenda. Kathleen seconded – Motion carries.
 4. Vote to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Maleeha moved to approve September 17 minutes, Leslie seconded – Motion carries.
 5. Public Comment
 - a. LSC Candidate Statements
 - i. In the following order - Jeremy Elston, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Sarah Collella, Jenise Celestin, Carmen Rodriguez, John Knoff, Kathleen Hurley, Erik Juhl, Charles Deters.
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1. Reports
 1. PAC Report (Parent Advisory Council)
 1. Had organizational meeting.
 1. Linda Gibson, Heather Earnhardt, Michelle Herro are Officers.
 2. Talked about how to support needs of parents during remote learning.
 3. Looking into purchasing blue light blocking glasses.
 2. Principal's Report with Budget Update
 1. Finances
 1. Non-Payroll Funds – Everything is still in good shape
 2. Pointer Lines
 1. Had to clear negatives at the beginning of the year.
 1. Educators got their ESL endorsement and funds had to be transferred to cover their raises.
 3. 10th Day Enrollment
 1. K-3 down from 407 to 393 from 10th day last school year.
 2. 4-8 up from 458 to 463.
 3. 858 compared to 867 last year.
 4. CPS is not pulling funding at this moment.
 5. Unsure about next year and whether they will honor the 20th day enrollment.

4. Budget Transfers

1. Peterson was given \$20,000 as a stipend for mentor teachers. \$5,000 for 4 resident teachers but we received 5 resident teachers. CPS is paying for the extra mentor teacher.
 1. We were waiting for direction as to where to move the \$20,000 and now we know which bucket to move it into.

5. STEAM Updates

1. Changes are happening but it's slow.
2. All rooms need to be repainted.
3. Dance room needs mirrors replaced due to rust.
4. Furniture has arrived. A lot of cabinetry with wheels and balance stools to make the dance room have seating when needed.

6. Field Updates

1. \$626,000 for field and related improvements.
 1. Yalil reached out for a quote for the blacktop.
 2. Was told to pay \$7,000 to remove the boulders from the field and she is contesting Peterson having to pay that.
 3. Field of Dreams Funds
 1. Gym - Floor, walls, sound panels.
 1. Sound panels so children can hear correctly and to save hearing for teachers.
 2. Floor was last finished in 2003.
 2. Getting risers with backrests for music department.
 3. Electrical and security camera updates.
 4. Currently coming up with a process to opening up the field.
 1. Have asked for community involvement. Field reopening sessions.
 2. Engaged the students in reflection on what they think can be done.
 3. Signs are being added at the Christiana and Kimball entrance.

7. Enrollment

1. Current enrollment 883
2. Diverse Learner enrollments have declined.
3. CPS wants to bring Pre-K back second quarter.
4. Peterson is working to get the Family Income Forms collected from families and entered into Aspen.

8. Community Engagement

1. PAC and BAC Meetings
2. Connection Night (Week of Oct. 26)
 1. To help teachers build connections with parents and families.
3. Peterson Performs – A socially distant variety show
4. Q1 Remote Learning Feedback Survey
 1. 650 families and 100 families have responded so far.

9. Hiring and Staffing Updates

1. 3rd Grade Temporary Assigned Teacher (TAT)
 1. Katie Caputi

2. She is currently observing classes before taking over Ms. Mendes' original classroom.
2. Observations
 1. Admin have dropped into Google Meets to get to know students.
 2. Still waiting on more guidance from district.
10. Culture and Climate
 1. New counselor has been integrating very well at Peterson.
11. Attendance
 1. Goal is 96%, currently at 95.9%.
 2. 5 day absence letters have gone home.
 3. Issues with children only coming to part of the day and it's impacting our attendance rate.
12. LSC Elections
 1. Elections help on 18th for elementary schools will be held in person or by ballot.
 3. PPLC Report (Professional Personnel Leadership Committee) – No comment
 4. BAC Report (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – No Comment
2. Public Comment

Old Business

1. STEAM Updates
2. Field Updates – Reopening Plan Feedback
3. November 2020 LSC Election updates

New Business

1. Discussion and Vote on Transfer of Funds
 1. Maeleeha moved to transfer \$19,000 from 24941 115 54505 119035 000575 2021 to 24941 115 51320 290001 000575 2021, and \$1,000 from 24941 115 51330 2900001 000575 2021 to 24941 115 51320 290001 000575 2021. Marti seconded, the motion passes.
2. Discussion and Vote on Fundraising
 1. Still in the decision making process on future fundraising.
3. Adjournment – 8:00 PM