



Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for April 24th, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.09pm.

Roll Call

Present: Laurie P Barry, Robert Blitstein, Mike Mitchell, Catherine Plocher, Melissa Schroeder, Noelle Peacock, Esme Borrero, Liz Wiedegreen, Marissa J Maples, Blanca Fernandez

Absent: Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Carolyn Skibba

Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed the March LSC minutes. Liz Wiedegreen motioned to approve the March minutes. Melissa Schroeder seconded. All voted in favor.

Fundraising proposals

Two fundraising proposals were presented on behalf of Friends of Burley.

1) Walkathon and fitness challenge on May 26th 2017. Donations will be requested from parents / community members. Expected revenue \$55,000. Expenses \$1500

2) Burleypalooza. A parent talent showcase for art and music scheduled for June 4th 2017. Minimal profit. Expenses circa \$500.

Motion to approve Mike Mitchell. Seconded by Liz Wiedegreen

Principal Report

Principal Plocher reported the school news and updates.

- Blanca Fernandez has accepted the non teaching staff LSC position.
- The Ravenswood run took place on April 23rd with 56 people representing Burley.
- Congressman Quigley spoke with 8th grade on Thursday 20th April focusing on being active in politics and being part of the process. He took questions from students, discussed the groups he is involved in, and talked about the political system / how to effect change.
- Earth Day march took place following the Eco Lab and chicken coop ribbon cutting ceremony with Whole Foods and the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce.
- Choir concert set for May 11th and variety showcase set for May 12th
- Explore More and Grandparents breakfast taking place May 5th
- Writingpolooza, in conjunction with the Illinois Writing Project, is taking place on Saturday April 29th with 25-30 Burley students attending.



- Rochelle Lee grant award results have started to come through. Mr. Perry and Ms. Wiedegreen have been awarded grants to help fund classroom libraries and professional development. Book club / study group grants also through for the 5th grade teachers and 4th grade teaching assistants.
- Donors choose projects have now closed and all requests were successful and fully funded.
- Ms. Plocher attended a theatre summit and won a \$5000 Ingenuity award grant. We shall be using the grant to partner with the Chicago Opera Theatre company during the next academic year. The program will be for 7th and 8th grade students
- 1st grade teachers applied and have been accepted to the Lucy Calkins teaching college in New York and will be attending professional development programs. Funding will be provided by the PTA.
- Ms. Ditto and Ms. Tremont will be attending a Japanese professional development study experience on June 16th
- Graduation has been moved to June 15th
- Ms. Sanders will be attending a 4 day STEAM conference.
- Ms. Plocher has been nominated and accepted onto the Cahn Fellows Program for Distinguished Principals designed to support the professional growth of outstanding school leaders. Ms. Plocher will be attending a two week program at teachers college in New York this summer and continue the program by joining her fellowship cohorts once a month throughout the upcoming year.

Monthly Financials

As of May 1st central office are shutting down all purchasing so Ms. Plocher is currently making plans to complete the math book order for next year, pay Hubbard Street the balance owed, and has been meeting with Ms. Skibba to look at the technology purchases that are needed. Ms. Plocher proposed a series of transfer of funds from internal accounts

1) \$19,962 to be transferred from the technology line within internal accounts to replace and fund a grade level with 60 new iPads. (FOB will be funding additional technology supplies) Bob Blitstein motioned to approve, Melissa Schroder seconded and all voted in favor

2) \$10,000 transfer request from student instructional materials line of internal accounts to provide supplies and purchases for STEAM and art. Bob Blitstein motioned to approve, Liz Wiedegreen seconded and all voted in favor.

3) \$5000 approval requested to pay the Chicago Opera for the upcoming program. Bob Blitstein motioned to approve, Esme Borreo seconded and all voted in favor.

4) \$10000 approval requested to pay Hubbard Street Dance company. Bob Blitstein motioned to approve, Esme Borreo seconded and all voted in favor.



All 115, 353 and 225 budget lines are empty. Any money still remaining are funds that cannot be touched such as furlough and union funds.

Other comments

Marissa Maples raised the LSC requirement to hold a public meeting to review the CIWP. Melissa Schroeder noted that there may soon be an upcoming need for school tour volunteers and shared feedback she has received from parents regarding the recurring illness' within the school - particularly in 1st grade. It was suggested that as a measure to curb the spread of illness, that children could wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to lunch. Ms. Plocher discussed the process of lunchtime, and while a trip to the bathroom to wash hands prior to eating is not logistically possible, the additional use of hand sanitizer as the children leave their respective classrooms on route to lunch is something that can be instigated.

Chair report

Laurie Barry will follow up with Darcy regarding procedure for principal evaluation and look to review the CIWP as per Marissa's reminder at the next meeting. Laurie will also send a report detailing any gaps in LSC members training modules.

Closing of meeting

Liz Wiedgreen motioned to adjourn at 7.32pm, Esme Borrero seconded. All voted in favor

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May at 6pm.