



Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for December 20th, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.09pm

Roll Call

Present: Laurie P Barry, Mike Mitchell, Catherine Plocher, Melissa Schroeder, Noelle Peacock, Blanca Fernandez, Liz Wiedegreen, Kate Nestler, J.P Mantz, Esme Borrero.

Absent, Bob Blitstein, Carolyn Skibba, Rebecca Armatis-Furr

Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed the November LSC minutes. Esme Borrero motioned to approve the minutes. Liz Wiedegreen seconded. All voted in favor.

Principal Report

Resident Principal Nestler reported the school news and updates including.

- The teachers as readers focus on inquiry is continuing into January.
- Ms. Nash and Ms. Plocher recently returned from NYC continuing their professional leadership development with the Cahn fellowship. They visited Bell Academy in Queens and had a great experience learning from the middle school's practices.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis welcomed their new baby and Ms. Grusch has been appointed as the temporary teacher ion 107 to cover Ms. Lewis' maternity leave.
- Ms. Media has recently left & are looking to finalize the staffing process filling vacant position.
- December 20th was the deadline for club selection / requests
- Poetry assembly took place for November 17th
- Book Fair took place during week of November 13th
- Parent conferences were held on November 15th
- Food drive benefiting the Lakeview Pantry took place November 10-14th
- PTA coat and glove drive took place during the last week of November
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- Holiday hoopla, middle school dance, and progress reports

scheduled for Dec 21st

- 7th grade camping trip scheduled for Jan 11th-12th
- FOB winter social scheduled for Jan 11th at Alarmist brewing
- Second parent workshop – a financial workshop hosted by Laurie Barry scheduled for Jan 19th at 8.30am and Jan 23rd at 6.30pm

Financial Report

The budget appeal has been approved to maintain the essential base line levels of staffing within the school. Ms. Plocher is continuing to work with the district to follow the required guidelines associated with the appeal. This has caused some movement within the budget as appeal adjustments are being worked out. Currently some funds are being stored in supply lines and will be used in February 2018 to clear the negatives associated with the benefit adjustments.

With regards to internal accounts, all school and club fees have been deposited with some funds being used for buses. The internal accounts are currently looking larger than in previous years as Ms. Plocher is working towards building a solid base to help fund essential supplies and core texts for the upcoming academic year. Historically, funds for core texts came from the budget, however this year all funds in the budget will be used for staffing.

CIWP

The council reviewed the “Parent Partnership Strategy” within the CIWP and discussed areas where Burley has been successful and areas that are still being worked towards with regards to parent partnerships. Some key areas discussed were parent workshops and communication levels. The ongoing and live nature of the CIWP was discussed, detailing how the plan is continuously evolving.

The new CIWP process will soon be starting, however it was agreed that we shall wait until the new template / format be released before we start the process. This is expected to be in Jan or Feb 2018.

Chair Report

Laurie Barry discussed the upcoming LSC elections and noted that nominations will be due in March 2018.

Other business

Melissa Schroder raised two questions she had received from Burley parents regarding the school supplying balls at recess and

whether after school clubs are supervised by teachers. Ms. Plocher provided feedback on past experiences where the school did supply balls and equipment at recess, and the problems faced with regards to the students care and consideration for the equipment provided. Current practice allows students to bring balls from home to use at recess providing they play in an inclusive manner. Ms. Plocher requested that any parent with questions regarding the operations of after school clubs should contact the administration directly and they would be happy to discuss the issue further.

Closing of meeting

Esme Borrero motioned to adjourn at 7.25pm, Liz Wiedegreen seconded. All voted in favor

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 17th 2018 at 6pm.

Held: Burley Elementary School (1630 W. Barry, Chicago), South
Lunchroom, Nov 8th, 2017