



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

Roll Call:

Present: Stephen Soltanzadeh, Bob Blitstein, Catherine Plocher, Laurie Barry, Blanca Fernandez, Mary Renouard, Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Amy Walsh, Teresa Merritt, JB Mantz, Liz Wiedegreen

Absent: Carolyn Skibba

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the September, 2018 LSC minutes. Blanca Fernandez motioned to approve the minutes. Rebecca Armatis-Furr seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report:

CPS sent a vendor to Burley to assess equipment on what was damaged in the fire. IT has started purchasing and replacing items; chromebook and ipad carts, office printer, chromebooks, document cameras, projectors, etc.

iPads are in the process of upgrading and uploading the JAMF management system for installing updates. There can be uploading and installation issues, but once installed it should make things easier in the future.

Fundraising proposals:

No fundraising proposals this month.

Principal's Report:

Clubs started Monday, October 15.

FOB Fall Social at Diag was well attended, great sign-ups.

Mr. Medintz is on paternity leave, returning in time to head the 8th grade camping trip.

8 teachers throughout k-8 grades at Burley are participating in Math Lesson Study. Burley is in the 2nd year of this program.

7th and 8th grade parents are starting high school meetings. The high school fair happened - it's grown to include GROW networks. 15 elementary schools participate.



Ms. Plocher gave a praise and accolades to Ms. Copland and others who started the high school fair. 8th grade parents had their application workshop where Ms. Copland helps with navigating the online high school application process. 1-1 high school meetings have also started for 8th grade students and their parents.

Human reproductive classes are in full swing.

Burley just finished their first week with Bulldog solutions + Parent Solutions (an organization Burley partnered with for the middle school focusing on social/emotional skills and self esteem). It's new this year. Teachers are looking at morning meetings specifically. Burley hired Bulldog for 8 weeks. It consists of 6 groups of mixed 7th and 8th graders, Burley staff member and Bulldog staff member. Parents have requested feedback from Bulldog on what the students are learning.

Ms. Plocher has also started some student focus groups. This is an effort to bring in the student voices in more.

Coming up:

8th grade camping trip.

Tours start next week. Tours are usually two Wednesday mornings a month.

Fall Fun Fair is Friday, October 26 ticket sales have started.

End of first quarter is week after next.

Burley cafeteria is a voting location on election day — November 6.

Picture Day is November 9. Burley has hired a new photography studio that has gotten great reviews. They will only come to Burley once a year.

Gym update:

Reconstruction is moving along, they are currently painting the gym. CPS has worked diligently to replace items and restore the gym. Anticipating about December 1 until it is reopened.

Overcrowding issues:

Burley has reached maximum capacity. Due to larger than usual enrollment in kindergarten solely from the neighborhood, an additional kindergarten class was added to relieve overcrowding. There are approximately 550 students enrolled in PreK - 8.



Ms. Plocher has been meeting with CPS, community partners and other elected officials (multiple alderman feed into Burley), Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, the South Lakeview Neighbors Association, etc. Due to the increase in neighborhood population and future increased residential units adding to Burley's footprint, the overcrowding issue appears to be an ongoing situation that the current building will not be able to sustain. Ms. Plocher is planning on working together with the community to keep solutions to the overcrowding issue at the forefront.

Closing of meeting

Liz Wiedegreen motioned to adjourn at 8:49pm. Mary Renouard seconded. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 7 at 6pm