



## **Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Laurie Barry

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The Council reviewed the February 2019 LSC minutes. Mary Renouard motioned to approve the minutes. Carolyn Skibba seconded. All voted in favor.

### **Technology Report:**

Ms. Skibba reported CPS Chief Education Office LaTanya McDade visited Burley along with members of the Office of Teaching and Learning to observe Burley's 1-1 technology instruction and integration. It was a positive visit.

In conjunction with the PTA, Ms. Skibba and some teachers on the technology committee are planning two technology workshops for parents. They are May 7 + May 14 on digital citizenship and a screening of the documentary Screenagers. Parents in all grades are welcome.

Ms. Skibba is looking ahead for tech needs based on attendance projections for next year. She's crunching the numbers to see what that might look like financially.

### **Principal's Report:**

Marcela, a Burley 6th grader advanced to round 5 in the citywide spelling bee.

Twelve staff members participated in a full day Responsive Classroom workshop that was very informative and in line with our CIWP.

Basketball season is winding down. The 7th + 8th grade girls have finished their season. 7th + 8th grade boys and 5th + 6th grade boys + girls are heading to the playoffs.

Aiphone door buzzer and camera security systems were installed on the main door of the Field House and they adjusted the cameras on the main building doors for clearer view of visitors that are visiting. The administration purchased a key FOB system. Installation will be soon on the keyless entry system for all the doors.



2 broken slide are working on being replaced on the playground.

CPS is replacing exterior lights on main building from old outdated lights to more energy efficient LED lighting.

7 new recording security cameras are working on being installed permanently on the Burley playground.

The community is encouraged to show appreciation for Burley's crossing guards for crossing guard appreciation week this week.

Spring sports are starting; girls + boys track, boys volleyball, girls soccer. Still figuring out if there is enough interest to field full teams.

Book Bash is Monday, March 25. Burley is welcoming three authors.

Two Burley students advanced to the city wide science fair.

Due to Burley's increasing enrollment, PreK will have its last day at the end of this school year. Ms. Plocher worked aggressively to find the families this affects a spot in Jahn (free, all day program for 4yo).

Ms. Plocher is continuing to work with politicians to make it known Burley is running out of space. She is awaiting the April 2 mayoral runoff.

With changing Burley's class picture vendor, the photographer is going to take pictures of students and make banners that show eating healthy/active images to send healthy messaging to the children in the lunchroom. Every year they'll give us three free updated banners to hang and update the student images.

CPS is releasing school budgets on Monday, March 25 with a one-month turnaround.

**Fundraising proposals:**

Ms. Plocher requested one budget transfer of \$3000 to purchase app vouchers so we can update all apps. Carolyn Skibba motioned to approve. Liz Wiedegreen seconded. All voted in favor.

**Public Comment:**

One parent asked about the two-year plan in regards to the overcrowding issue when there are likely 3 classes per grade. Ms. Plocher is continuing to work with CPS



headquarters and officials for a possible addition, but is in a holding pattern until the Mayoral runoff in April.

A parent also asked if Burley is doing the sex ed classes that CPS requires for K - 12. With formal communication on the scope and sequence of lessons taught. Burley has teamed up with Chicago Women's Health for 5 - 8th grade for Sex Ed and uses elements of the district curriculum in health classes across grades.

**Closing of meeting**

Bob Blitstein motioned to adjourn at 6:56pm. Teresa Merritt seconded. All voted in favor.

**Next Meeting**

Next LSC meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6pm.