



## **Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm

### **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** Liz Wiedegreen, JB Mantz

### **Approval of Minutes**

The council reviewed the July, 2018 LSC minutes. Mary Renouard motioned to approve the minutes. Blanca Fernandez seconded. All voted in favor.

### **LSC Vacancy position**

Noelle Peacock recently accepted a position with CPS thus making her ineligible to serve on LSC. Teresa Merritt filled the parent rep position based on the previous election results. Rebecca Armatis-Furr motioned to approve. Carolyn Skibba seconded. All voted in favor.

### **Principal Report**

Principal Plocher reported the following school news and updates:

- The fire that occurred at Burley starting in the gym two weeks before school started. A large amount of water flooded the building from the sprinkler systems. Every classroom, office and every floor took on water.
- Principal Plocher could not say enough about how amazing CPS has been in this process. They were on the ground night of the situation and worked around the clock to make sure Burley would open in time for the first day of school. They are replacing, and in some cases, upgrading Burley's equipment and lost items.
- The structure of the building is safe, but the school is still drying. The gym is still recovering and hopes to be completed mid-November. CPS will be back over winter break or next summer to continue repairs.
- FOB has been a huge support. Principal Plocher asked for \$30,000 in recovery funds to purchase items CPS would or could not cover.
- Some fall events are delayed or cancelled due to gym construction (poetry assembly, fall book fair, etc.)
- Principal Plocher introduced Israel Urbina, Burley's new resident principal, for the 2018 - 2019 school year.



- Merrit Music program is up and running for the year
- Girls volleyball teams will be playing at Jahn this fall while the gym is under construction
- The parent volunteer process (online link + drivers license submission) is under way so CPS can conduct background checks on all parent volunteers.
- Additionally, all CPS employees and every vendor city wide, has gone through new CPS background check. All CPS employees also had sexual misconduct training.
- The Burley staff are reading and professionally developing around the professional text: Teaching Children to Care: Classroom Management for Ethical and Academic Growth for their TAR (Teachers as Readers) focus. It was selected to enhance student's social emotional learning.

#### **Coming up:**

- 7th and 8th grade high school meetings about the application process
- FOB fall social Friday, September 28
- 8th grade camping trip
- Fall clubs start October 15
- Middle School partnering with Bulldog Solutions working on social emotional development which fosters positive social skills and conflict management beginning this week.
- For the second year Burley teachers will participate in Lesson Study which helps with mathematical teaching. Eight teachers are participating.
- 5-8th graders have starting their reproductive health programming. Burley partners with the Chicago Women's Health Center to teach these classes.

#### **Financial Report**

FOB and PTA proposed their fundraising proposals for approval for:

- Brick and Legacy Campaign
- Fall Social, September 28
- Burley Backer campaign
- 2018 annual fund campaign
- Fun Fair Raffle
- Haunted House
- PTA membership drive
- Family fun fair
- Burley gear

Carolyn Skibba motioned to approve these fundraising proposals. Bob Blitstein seconded. All voted in favor.

- Review of budget review, funds summary and internal accounts



**Closing of meeting**

Mary Renouard motioned to adjourn at 7:29pm. Blanca Fernandez seconded. All voted in favor

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, October 17 at 6pm