



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call (Listed Alphabetically):

Present: Bob Blitstein, Katie Hall-Jasinski, Teresa Merritt, Rob Moon, Jessy Newman, Catherine Plocher, Elliot Ransom, Mary Renouard, Erin Stanfill, Amy Walsh

Absent: Carolyn Skibba

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the March 2021 LSC minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Bob Blitstein motioned to approve the minutes and Mary Renouard seconded. All were in favor.

Technology Report:

- Ms. Skibba was absent from the meeting but shared in advance that there were no new technology updates this month.

Principal's Report:

Updates. Ms. Plocher began by sharing updates including:

- The virtual Scholastic Book Fair began this week
- 4th quarter Remote learning-only packet pick-up was today
- Tomorrow (April 15) is the virtual winter party and the raffle is still ongoing
- Friday is the last day of the third quarter so there will be no school as teachers have a professional development day
- April 21 is parent-teacher conference and report cards will be mailed home directly from the district
- Picture Day will be May 4 (Pod A) and May 6 (Pod B) and they are working on a scheduled time for students who are remote-only
- The federal government has not granted a waiver for state testing (the state requested one but was denied) so the state testing for 3rd - 8th grade will commence as planned in



mid-May. There is no new information on MAP testing yet but there should be information from the district in the coming weeks.

- The calendar for next year has been set, is available, and will start earlier than usual (August 30, 1 week prior to Labor Day)
- 91% return rate at Burley for 4th quarter; most classes are very full; offered the opportunity for 4-day learning through a random lottery to fill the pods to 15 where there was space
- Reminders about the city's travel order, instructions, and guidance around required and recommended practices
- Ms. Plocher shared an overview of the current CIWP which will be a more integral focus in future meetings (has been less so due to COVID-related needs)

Ms. Plocher then opened the discussion to questions from the Council:

- Bob Blitstein asked about current school enrollment compared to last year and Amy Walsh followed up with a question about students leaving, moving in, transferring to Burley during the year.
- Elliot Ransom asked a question about the waiver for testing and Ms. Plocher provided additional information.
- Rob Moon asked a question about COVID-19 testing and what is appropriate for returning to school if/when they travel to an orange state.

Financial Report. Ms. Plocher provided an overview of the budget and shared an update regarding spending priorities, goals, and upcoming expenditures.

Chair Report

Elliot Ransom shared an update on the principal evaluation process for this year. We will need to form a committee to work on the first component. Elliot will lead the committee and Bob Blitstein, Erin Stanfill, and Amy Walsh volunteered. Mary Renouard volunteered to be a resource as well if needed.

Public Comment

Ms. Plocher shared via email a sign-up for public comment prior to the LSC meeting however there were no advance sign-ups. Other meeting attendees who noted comments in the chat were called to speak.



- Heather Thiberg asked what happened to the crossing guard at the intersection of Ashland and Barry who has not been there for the last two weeks. Ms. Plocher said she would follow up.
- Michael Macaluso asked a question about the lottery system to attend 4 days across pods.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Close of Meeting

Elliot Ransom motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Blitstein seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.