



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call (Listed Alphabetically):

Present: Nick Anderson, Teresa Merritt, Rob Moon, Jessy Newman, Catherine Plocher, Elliot Ransom, Mary Renouard, Carolyn Skibba, Mike Valitchka

Absent: Bob Blitstein, Sidney Reed

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the November 2021 LSC minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Mike Valitchka motioned to approve the minutes and Teresa Merritt and Mary Renouard seconded. All were in favor.

Technology Report

Ms. Skibba shared that there were no major technology updates this month. More to come in January!

CIWP and Principal's Report

Updates. Ms. Plocher shared updates past, present, and future:

- CIWP Strategy #1 is related to Math Alignment and Curriculum. Ms. Plocher provided updates on the math committee curriculum work (developing guiding questions, assessing math curricula, timeline for rollout, PD, updates for families). The end goal is to have something in late spring to begin exploring, work on PD over the summer, and be ready to go for next fall.
 - Mary Renouard asked a question about grade bands and Nick Anderson asked about expenses related to curriculum selection. Mike Valitchka asked about how the teachers are reviewing the curricula and Rob Moon asked about the curricula choices and which schools use which curricula and STEM integration.
- The multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) committee is convening to think strategically about students at Burley that need different supports.
- The Health and Wellness committee is up and running. Jessy Newman offered supports if the committee needs research- and evidence-based resources.
- Many sports are up and running, including basketball and volleyball.



- The mentoring program for staff is up and running. The Leadership Team has been going to classrooms, observing, debriefing. Ms. Plocher shared that this is going very well and teachers and staff are very engaged.
- Ms. Plocher provided updates on vaccination rates and testing. Questions about testing rates, at home testing kits.
- Events coming up:
 - Club requests are due Friday
 - Boys winter basketball tournament
 - High school applications were due December 15
 - Progress reports go out Friday
 - Science Fair is Thursday, December 16
 - Spring club updates will go out the second week back from break
 - New assessment (no stakes) is rolling out and Burley is testing it during the winter (STAR 360, 3rd-8th grade)
 - Planning for book fair
 - Reproductive classes are coming in the spring (March and April)
 - State testing window for IAR planned as usual in the Spring (April) as well

Financial Report. Ms. Plocher provided an overview of the 115 (student-based budgeting) and 124 (internal accounts) budget lines and discussed plans for ordering materials and supplies (e.g., technology) strategically to avoid supply chain issues at the end of the year.

Public Comment

Members of the public asked questions about the following topics:

- Testing in 8th grade, including the entrance exam, new STAR 360 assessment, the IAR (state exam), the algebra exit exam, and the constitution test/assessment and inquiry project that is part of the civics curriculum for 8th grade
- COVID testing, positive quarantine procedures, and vaccination status
- Science fair at Burley and steps for advancing through district science fairs going forward

Chair Report and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Close of Meeting

Elliot Ransom motioned to close the meeting at 7:26pm. Mike Valitchka seconded and all were in favor.