



## Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for November 16th, 2016

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### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.07pm.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Carolyn Skibba, Esme Borrero, Robert Blitstein, Mike Mitchell, Catherine Plocher, Melissa Schroeder, Sara Suh, Laurie P Barry, Noelle Peacock, Liz Wiedegreen.

**Absent:** Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Marissa J Maples

### Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed October LSC minutes. Principal Plocher moved to approve the October minutes. Melissa Schroder seconded. All voted in favor.

### Fundraising Proposals

Two fundraising proposals were presented to the council. 1) FOB 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Party on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2) PTA Winter Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade being held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Noelle Peacock motioned to approve both fundraising proposals. Liz Weidegreen seconded. All voted in favor.

### Technology Report

Carolyn Skibba presented the technology report and discussed her recent trip to Iceland to attend the UTis conference where teachers engaged in workshop based learning to support the innovative use of education technology. Ms Skibba visited several schools and presented a workshop on iPads and creativity. Moving forward there are plans to forge a collaboration with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and two Icelandic schools and to continue to foster Burley's existing partnerships and global connections.

### Principal Report

Principal Plocher reported the school news and updates.

- Successful 8<sup>th</sup> grade camping trip took place
- Whole Foods 5% give back day was a great success. Final report not yet available however projections suggest amount of \$6000-7000
- Professional development day included a technology presentation from Ms Skibba and continuation of the teachers as readers program
- November 16<sup>th</sup> marks the end of a successful book fair
- The election day of November 8<sup>th</sup> went smoothly
- Tulip planting via the sustainability club is taking place with bulbs donated by Fertile.
- Teacher conferences took place
- Townhall is scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>



- Poetry Assembly scheduled for Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade pictures and retakes scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>
- Science Fair scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for Santa Hustle December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Winter Dance and Holiday Hoopla scheduled for December

## Continuous Improvement Work Plan

Teachers as readers program is continuing to run. This program helps to bridge new staff into the Burley culture and teachers meet for 45 minutes every other Tuesday. Science and social studies is the focus this year.

## Monthly Financials

Ms. Plocher provided an overview of the current funds in the 353, 225 and 115 lines and the Internal Accounts. The previous shortfall in the 225 has now been cleared and all negatives are gone.

At present there are still shortfalls in some areas however as the new contract will impact these funds in Jan / Feb 2017, it is difficult to accurately predict where we will see the impact of the adjustments and therefore these figures will change in the New Year. At that time Ms Plocher will use funds available across the accounts cover the shortfall. Any additional shortfall not covered may possibly be covered from internal accounts should the need arise.

Internal Accounts is showing two negative figures linked to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Springfield and camping trips and we are currently awaiting to be reimbursed from the district. Funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade camping trip are being help back at the Y still needs to be paid.

## Chair Report

Another reminder was issued that all new LSC members must take the LSC training online at <http://cpslscstrainingportal.com/>. All LSC members must take the FOIA/OMA training on the Attorney General website at [http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/electronic\\_foia\\_training.aspx](http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/electronic_foia_training.aspx).

## Other business

Melissa Schroder provided feedback of her experience on the GROW community focus group program and discussed the significance of parents, peers and teachers and their link to the selective enrollment high school program. The GROW community discussed ways to help combat the mentality that selective enrollment is the preferred high school option as opposed to neighborhood high schools. Interesting ideas such as encouraging parents of younger children (K-4) to get involved in the high schools through sports programs were discussed.



## **Closing of Meeting<sup>1</sup>**

Melissa Schroder motioned to adjourn at 7.08, Esme Borrero seconded. All voted in favor.

## **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.**