



Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.10pm.

Roll Call

Present: Esme Borrero, Robert Blitstein, Mike Mitchell, Catherine Plocher, Melissa Schroeder, Liz Wiedegreen, Sara Suh, Laurie P Barry, Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Marissa J Maples, Noelle Peacock

Absent: Carolyn Skibba

Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed July LSC minutes. Melissa Schroeder moved to approve the July minutes, Bob Blitstein seconded. All voted in favor.

Fundraising Proposals

The council approved four fundraising proposals for Friends of Burley. Annual Fund campaign from September 16th – August 21st 2017; Fall Social on September 16th; Burley Backer Program Fundraising campaign from Monday September 26th – August 31st 2017; and Brick campaign through August 31st 2017.

An additional four fundraising proposals were presented to the council from the PTA. The PTA membership drive; Square One Art from Oct 2016 – February 1st 2017; Burley Gear; and Fall Fun Fair on October 28th 2017.

Liz Wiedegreen motioned to approve all of the above fundraising proposals. Esme Borrero seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report

Principal Plocher presented the technology report. Burley are celebrating the fact that we are now 1:1 ipad/chrome book for grades 1-8 with Kindergarten sharing an ipad cart. We are keeping the expiration of devices in mind as we move through the year and a note was made that this will be something to consider in the future.

Principal Report

School News and Updates:

- The new greenhouse was installed over the summer



- The chicken coop is being delivered on Sunday, September 25 and a call for volunteers will be sent out to help situate the coop.
- Merit Music is fully up and running.
- After school clubs are set to start October 3rd.
- The FOB fall social was well attended and a great success.
- The partnership with the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce where parents volunteered at Taco Fest on Sunday 18th September, was a great success.
- Sports – cross country, soccer, volleyball info meetings are in progress and teams will be up and running soon.
- Curriculum night is set for September 22nd
- Burley has been invited to participate in the Lakeview Chamber of Commerce mural under the train tracks on Southport. Ms. Manata is currently working with the students on a community themed piece.
- High School Fair at Lakeview High School will take place on October 17th.
- Coffee talk with Principal Plocher is set for October 31st.
- Whole Foods is hosting a 5% give back day for Burley School Sustainability Program on October 25th at two locations, the Halsted and Ashland locations.

Continuous Improvement Work Plan

Teachers as readers was launched on September 20th. Burley staff comes together approx. every other week around shared reading and professional development to develop best practices cohesively as well as individually. Science and social studies will be 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.

At present there is a shortfall for salary lines within the 353, however things are still adjusting with the movement of teaching staff over the summer as salaries are still leveling out. Additional funds are due to be received to account for the 9 extra students, and this enrollment adjustment should clear the shortfall.

On October 7th we are projected to receive adjustments to the 225 line however this is hard to predict and the SGSA is not as controllable.

Internal Accounts is showing two negative figures linked to the 7th and 8th grade Springfield trip. This is due to the changes in policy and procedures last year concerning district payment procedures and we are currently waiting to be reimbursed from the district.



Ms. Plocher proposed to transfer \$4160 from the Wells Fargo line of the internal accounts into the school budget to pay for Mr. Lewis' salary adjustment as he currently gives up two planning / prep periods to ensure all students get two sessions of PE per week.

Ms Plocher proposed to transfer \$22,000 from the After school All Stars line of internal accounts to cover salary, supplies, materials for the after school clubs.

Liz motioned to approve the transfers listed above. Marissa seconded. All voted in favor.

Chair Report

Laurie Barry introduced Noelle Peacock as the new council secretary.

Laurie attended the new parent orientation, volunteer orientation over the past couple of weeks and introduced the LSC to the attendees at these meetings.

A reminder was issued that all new LSC members must take the LSC training online at <http://cpslscctrainingportal.com/>. All LSC members must take the FOIA/OMA training on the Attorney General website at http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/electronic_foia_training.aspx.

Public Comment

Gary Mandell who is running for State Representative referenced the November 3rd forum he will be holding with opponent Ann Williams. Location to be confirmed

Closing of Meeting¹

Esme motioned to adjourn at 7:30, Liz seconded. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 19th at 6pm.