



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2023

Call to Order: Called to order at 6:07pm by Elliot Ransom.

Roll Call (Listed Alphabetically): Nick Anderson, Bob Blistein, Ryan Griffin, Tony Johnson, Jessica Macaluso, Rob Moon, Catherine Plocher, Elliot Ransom, Sidney Reed, Carolyn Skibba, Michael Valitchka

Present: Nick Anderson, Bob Blistein, Ryan Griffin, Tony Johnson, Jessica Macaluso, Rob Moon, Catherine Plocher, Elliot Ransom, and Carolyn Skibba

Absent: Michael Valitchka and Sidney Reed

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the December 2022 LSC minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Nick Anderson moved to approve, Tony Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously

Technology Report:

- A. Our Apple Professional Learning specialist was here for her first full day of co-teaching in 4 classrooms.
- B. The portfolio group is planning to generating content/samples/exemplars
- C. Ms. Skibba is leading a middle school Minecraft team

Principal's Report:

- A. School Updates
 - a. Staffing
 - i. Ellie Brown - onboarded (new DL teacher)
 - ii. Emily Normandie - new assistant in the office and around the building
 - iii. Casey Wolfer - covering teacher leaves this year in multiple classrooms
 - iv. Shannon Morris - new SECA
 - v. New crossing guard – this critical safety position is finally filled
 - b. 2nd cadre substitute will be hired soon, joining Mr. Mrjenovich who is has been a member of our team for a few years now
 - c. Basketball season games started this week
 - d. Report cards and club confirmations have been sent home (last Friday)
 - e. Camp Duncan trip - grade 7 is going on their outdoor ed trip this week (Thursday-Friday)

- f. Cal's Angels toy drive wraps up this Friday 1/20. This is a student-initiated and student-led toy collection to support kids who are undergoing cancer treatment.
 - g. iReady and Star 360 mid-year assessments are underway
 - h. February 3 is a teacher professional development day
 - i. March 3 will be the FOB winter party
- B. Monthly Financial Report
- a. Ms. Plocher provided an overview of the 115 (*student-based budgeting*) and 124 (*internal accounts*) budget lines. Received \$1000 art grant for supplies for the art program. Transfers approved at the last meeting have taken place and some are awaiting approval.
 - b. Transfer requests.
124 - \$2000 collected specifically for the camping trip must be transferred from internal accounts to 124 to pay for buses for the camping trip.
Motion to approve: Carolyn Skibba, Second: Bob Blitstein, approved unanimously
- C. CIWP Updates
- i. Literacy writing units have been updated K-2 Units of Study from Teachers College in New York. All K-2 teachers, including diverse learning teachers, are attending professional development related to these units.
 - ii. CPS Office of Language and Culture collaborated with Renfro on grade level meeting sessions about supporting ELL students, language acquisition, etc. All teachers attended on Tuesday 1-17. Burley is having a CPS audit of its ELL practices this Friday. Renfro is the lead on our ELL services and works with students after school; we do not have a dedicated ELL teacher assigned to Burley

Council Comment

1. Question about the a full time engineer, question about standardized testing, and question about the new proposed calendar for 23-24 school year

Public Comment

1. Are there science fair type opportunities for younger grades? Ms. Plocher explained that we have an annual inquiry fair known as Explore More, which will return next year and features student presentations, experiments, simulations, and projects across the grades and curriculum
2. Sara Butterfield, Ann Williams's director of outreach, attended the meeting, introduced herself, and offered their support if the school needs anything.

Chair Report and Next Meeting

The next meeting is on February 15, 2023.

Close of Meeting

Elliot Ransom motioned to close the meeting at 7:31pm. Plocher seconded. Approved.