



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 13th, 2024 6:00pm Burley Cafeteria

I. Call to Order Called to order 6:06pm

II. Roll Call *(listed alphabetically)*

Nick Anderson, Bob Blitstein, Jennifer Crall, Ryan Griffin, Tyler Herman, Tony Johnson, Ophelia Lassandrello, Jessica Macaluso, Elliot Ransom, Sidney Reed, M. Judy Rodriguez Carolyn Skibba, Michael Valitchka

Present: Bob Blitstein, Jennifer Crall, Ryan Griffin, Ophelia Lassandrello, Jessica Macaluso, Elliot Ransom, Sidney Reed, M. Judy Rodriguez, Carolyn Skibba, Tony Johnson

Absent: Nick Anderson, Tyler Herman, Michael Valitchka

III. Council Actions:

i. Approve virtual participation of council members

- Carolyn Skibba moved to approve virtual participation of council members. Jessica Macaluso seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

ii. Approve February minutes

- Bob Blitstein moved to approve the February minutes. Ryan Griffin seconded. Approved unanimously.

iii. Approve financial transfers

- Bob Blitstein moved to approve the budget transfer of \$2,435 from benefits pointer to repairs/contracts. Ophelia Lassandrello seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

iv. Approve FOB fundraising proposals

- **Bricks fundraiser proposal provided by the Friends of Burley**
- **Walkathon fundraiser proposal provided by the Friends of Burley**
 - Bob Blitstein motioned to approve both 2024 Burley Bricks proposal and 2024 Walkathon and Fitness Challenge proposed by the FOB. Tony

Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. LSC Candidate Forum

i. Randomly Select Order

ii. Parent and Community Member Candidate Speeches (2 minutes per individual)

Parents

1. Elliot Ransom
 - a. Thank you to everyone for allowing my time on the LSC from 2021. I am looking forward to serving again.
2. Tony Johnson
 - a. It has been a whirlwind and I did not expect to have to participate in the Principal selection process but I am very committed to continuing to help this council.
3. Nick Anderson
 - a. Not present
4. Ryan Griffin
 - a. Excited to serve again on this council
5. Jessica Macaluso
 - a. Looking forward to running for a second term. Thank you all.
6. Michael Valitchka
 - a. Not present

Community

1. Bob Blitstein
 - a. I am going on my 12th term as an LSC member. I have a long history and have lived in the community for 32 years. I am happy to serve again.
2. Tyler Herman
 - a. Not present

Teachers

1. Sidney Reed
 - a. I've enjoyed serving on the council and have learned a lot. I want to continue serving the students, teachers, and the Burley community.
2. Carolyn Skibba
 - a. Been serving for a long time. Son went here and graduated from here. Care about the past, present, and future of Burley and looking forward to serving again.

Non-teacher Representative

1. Judy
 - a. Looking forward to the experience and volunteering for Burley.

Student

1. Ophelia
 - a. Really enjoyed my first term and can't wait to have a two year term. I have had fun being here.

V. School Community Reports

i. FOB

- Spring Fling was a great success for both fundraising and community building!
- We had record attendance from parents and staff.
- Thank you to everyone that participated in the auctions, games and sign ups and in particular to our teacher and parent hosts.
- Also raised significant funds from community sponsors that had their logos prominently displayed.
- Up next is Walkathon - the one campaign where the students are involved in fundraising for their school and enjoying a day of fun and fitness (fundraising application submitted for LSC approval at this meeting.)
- We will also be ordering and installing custom Burley Bricks this spring and those sales launch this week too.
- 3 Avenues Bookstore 50% giveback for any purchases on Sunday March 17th
- New FOB Board slate for 2024-25 will be elected at the April 17th FOB meeting.

ii. PTO

- Our 1st-ever student merch design contest was a huge success! Over 100 submissions and we announced the two winners on 3/3. Merch site will launch this weekend after we unveil the winning designs.
- Our final Book Fair of the year is coming up in April - we welcome parents to volunteer and encourage families to stock up on reading materials before the Summer break!
- PTO is currently working with Principal Crall to build relationships with our local Chicago Public Library and community bookstores.
- Planning will begin soon for the 6th-8th grade end of year dance... stay tuned!

VI. School Committee Reports

I. MTSS

- No new updates

II. Tech

- Crayon Crew launching after spring break with 9 teachers funded by Friends of Burley.
- Updating printing systems
- Projector Setups

III. BHT

- No new updates

IV. ILT

- Attended Instructional Leadership Institute
- K-2 Practice Walkthrough with grade levels and network support

V. Student Voice

- Meeting regularly
- First edition of the student newsletter hopefully going out this weekend/Monday
- Merch Design Reveal on Friends of Burley sign outside
- Sports

VII. Principal's Report

i. School Updates

- School Updates
 - Enrollment 501
 - Attendance 95.5%

ii. Leadership Domain Areas

- Domain 1: Organizational Leadership
 - Alignment of professional development to the CIWP Priorities and Goals
 - Science curriculum partnerships Illinois Forest Preserve, Mighty Acorns, Friends of the Chicago River
 - A Safe Haven community garden contract and maintenance. Additionally thinking about fall planting, sourcing materials, and instructional opportunities
 - March 1st Medintz submitted a grant for Whole Kids Foundation for another hydroponic garden to harvest
 - Working with the CPS Meal Program to include salad bar
 - Applied for Cubs Charities All Star Donation for \$25,000 for holistic programming
 - Apple Collaboration with Apple Professional Learning Specialist and some leadership opportunities for Apple Distinguished schools and other teacher Apple cohort opportunities
 - Instructional Leadership Team attended ILT Institute and CIWP updates, professional development plans, and instructional core needs
 - The Chicago Public Education Fund workshop for Principals to review CIWP, School Organization, and Budget Alignment
 - Upcoming budget moving away from Student Based Budget. Moving to foundational positions and an index score (*18 total index score, 1.5 total opportunity index score*)
 - No breakdown currently
 - Instructional Core Rigor Walk Tool with ISL and primary teachers
 - School Visits Coonley (DL cohort), Lane Tech (Middle School), and Reilly (Admin)
 - Chicago Literacy Group teaching self regulation and executive functioning skills
 - Locker Update scope the space
- Domain 2: Instructional Core
 - Field Trips/Experiential Learning Opportunities
 - Curriculum Review Process with PPLC
 - CWHC Health Classes finished
 - Facing History and Ourselves: met with administration about partnership; also does schoolwide professional development for culture and climate for next school year
 - 5 students will be attending the Citywide Science Fair

- Reflection on Math Units and Instruction for iReady
- Reading Interventionist meeting with Tier 3 students for Branching Minds
- IAR March 12th-14th and ISA April 16th and 17th
- Domain 3: Climate and Culture
 - Counselor Office Hours for 8th grade families for the high school process
 - FOB Spring Fling
 - Anderson Book Fair in April
 - Chicken and Duck Training
 - CPR Classes for the staff and students/families
 - Burley Babysitter Directory potentially organized by the PTO
 - Selected the name of the Burley Tiger and Auggie has WON!
 - Burley PTO Student Merchandise Design Contest
 - Spirit Days every month and 2nd Grade has selected Book Characters for March
 - Recess Incident Reporting process
 - Weekly Tiger Tracks and Community Newsletter
 - Completed all Safety Drills
 - Crossing Guard Request
- Domain 4: Talent
 - MOY conversations with SECAS and TAs
 - REACH Observations for teaching staff
 - Professional Development opportunities in the staff newsletter
 - Corebridge Financial Visit for Retirement Planning

VIII. Council Comment

- Sidney Reed Burley Parking Lot CPS signage
 - Facilities meetings submitted in November and follow up and signs coming soon
- Tony Johnson fundraising opportunities and how we will navigate/anticipate the upcoming budget needs
- Carolyn Skibba reported that the principal evaluation committee met to create the surveys and sent to CPS legal which are pending approval to be disseminated for community and staff post Spring Break

IX. Public Comment (2 minutes per individual)

- No public comments

X. Chair Report

i. LSC Elections: April 10, 2024

ii. Next Meeting: April 17, 2024

XI. Adjourn

- Bob Blitstein motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tony Jonshon seconded. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:33pm.