

Monthly Meeting – Notice and Agenda

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Location: Burley Elementary Cafeteria

Agenda:

I. Call to Order at 6:08pm by Elliot Ransom

II. Roll Call

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: Nick Anderson, Jennifer Crall, Tony Johnson, Ophelia Lassandrello, Carolyn Skibba, Elliot Ransom, M. Judy Rodriguez

Absent: Bob Blitstein, Ryan Griffin, Jessica Macaluso, Sidney Reed, Michael Valitchka, Tyler Herman

Carolyn Skibba moved to approve Nick Anderson as secretary in Sidney's absence, Elliot Ransom seconded. Approved unanimously.

III. Council Actions:

i. Approve virtual participation of council members

Ophelia Lassandrello moved to approve virtual participation, Tony Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.

ii. Approve April 17 minutes

Tony Johnson moved to approve 4/17 minutes, Ophelia Lassandrello seconded. Approved unanimously.

iii. Approve April 29 minutes

Ophelia Lassandrello noted dates on 4/29 minutes needs to be revised. Members suggested adding "special" to title. Council agreed. Ophelia Lassandrello moved to approve minutes as amended. Nick Anderson seconded. Approved unanimously.

iv. Approve financial transfers

LSC not able to approve transfers at this meeting due to six voting members (student representative not able to vote)

v. Approve LSC Organization Meeting for July 2024

Council discussed scheduling the LSC Organizational Meeting for July 11th @ 6pm. Nick Anderson motioned to approve. Tony Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. School Community Reports

i. FOB

- i. Walkathon was a success all around - fundraising and participation efforts and fun had on the day off.
- ii. Over 80% participation, including 5 classes that managed 100% participation. Participation meant obtaining at least one donation either via a personal fundraising page or paper pledge form.
- iii. Recently funded the purchase of Logitech crayons for pilot classrooms, next year's subscription to Time Magazine for Kids, Chicken and Duck maintenance needs, indoor & outdoor recess resources, final Merit Music payments and essential staffing.
- iv. Last Meeting of the year is on 5/15 which is the first meeting of the new 2024-25 FOB Board.
- v. Thank you for all of your support this year!

ii. PTO

- i. Partnering with the Room Parents, the PTO celebrated all Burley staff during Appreciation Week – with custom journals, breakfast, lunch, snacks, door decorating, teacher breaks and more! Everything was funded by the PTO and the community really rallied together to give the Tiger staff an amazing week.
- ii. Both Book Bashes were a big success... each author brought fun flair to Burley and the kids were raving about them.
- iii. Next up is May 17's middle school dance! We already have a great group of volunteers but hoping for a few more to help out during the dance given it's at night (kids' request!).
- iv. The PTO's final effort this year will be helping Ms. Lewis at the end-of-May pep rally before the start of summer.

V. School Committee Reports

i. **Technology**

- i. Crayon Cohort is still going great, but timing is tough given ability to have extra meetings this time of year; largely have been proceeding with one-on-one meetings and efforts to document learning through these meetings
- ii. ClearTouch demo of a touchscreen board (alternative to Smart Board)...essentially a large tablet...expensive but very high quality

1. Evaluating how best to move forward with improving the tech experience in classrooms
2. It will be a slow roll out...maybe one on each floor to share as an initial step
3. State Rep. Ann Williams is willing to help support the project
- iii. Tech Coordinator position being restored (fabulous news!)...this extra capacity should enable more connected / integrated ways to have tech class directly support core work in classrooms
- iv. Magnet Cluster leader visited...unclear what the cluster work will look like next year
- ii. **ILT**
 - i. Institute meeting used to create a one-page checklist for the end of the year
 - ii. Focusing on classroom community work for next year and planning PD for next year
- iii. **Student Voice**
 - i. Rounded out March Madness competition with prizes
 - ii. Hosted Superhero Day and raised over \$1,000
 - iii. Will be featured in the upcoming CPS newsletter
 - iv. Student Voice Committee to be featured in CPS newsletter and Ophelia will be featured on a podcast
 - v. Helped with Book Bash (did intros of the authors)
 - vi. Organized the spirit week days and created posters to advertise

VI. Principal's Report

- i. School Updates
- ii. Leadership Domain Areas
- iii. Principal Crall began with reading of vision statement.
- iv. More student groups are advocating for events and activities, in line with spirit of the Burley vision.
- v. Enrollment steady, attendance back up.
- vi. ILT working to map out action steps with a Professional Development plan aligned with school improvement going into next academic year.
- vii. Speaking to Chicago Literacy Group to support Burley teachers and students with literacy in the classroom. Locker quote received for 150, want to see 180 so each classroom grades 6-8 has 30 lockers.
- viii. Required to obtain three vendors since project cost exceeds \$35K.
- ix. End of year assessments are wrapping up (STAR 360, iReady), including REACH performance tasks for teachers. 8th graders taking Algebra exit exam to determine high school math course.
- x. Student Voice has issued another edition of Tiger Post.
- xi. School of Rock donating sound system for the final pep rally, parents of 8th graders to be invited (needs to be clarified in the next community email).
- xii. Programming next year to include intramural sports year-round, which has been requested by students and families alike.

VII. Council Comment

- i. Tony Johnson asked about early indications of student test results via Branching Minds. Principal Crall shared some statistics on initial performance tiers, will provide a schoolwide summary at the next LSC meeting (progress throughout the year, end of year readout).
- ii. Principal Crall noted pre-registration for Kindergarten is at 44. Some Kindergarteners are transitioning after this year as well as sixth graders, some of whom are going into accelerated placement programs.

VIII. Public Comment (*2 minutes per individual*)

- i. N/A

IX. Chair Report

- i. Next Meeting: June 3, 2024

X. Adjourn

- i. Elliot Ransom moved to adjourn at 7:37pm. Tony Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.