



Burley Local School Council Special Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2023

Call to Order: Called to order at 4:08pm by Elliot Ransom .

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

Present: Nick Anderson, Bob Blitstein, Ryan Griffin, Tony Johnson, Jessica Macaluso, Rob Moon, Elliot Ransom, Sidney Reed, Carolyn Skibba

Absent: Michael Valitchka

Public Comment-- 2 minutes per individual

1. Teacher

- a. Being here for a long time, with three different principals, Burley is very special. It is special because of the unique approach to the curriculum. Things that are important are curriculum autonomy for teachers, leaders who understand teachers, understand that there are always improvements and changes to make but don't want the school to be turned upside down. Important to focus on Burley's approach to literacy, inquiry, collaboration, and technology during interviews

- i. *Council comment: Looking for the next great leader and a special leader to ensure that Burley remains a special place. The teachers are fundamental.*

2. Teacher

- a. Echoed that Burley is special. Question about the process, timeline, and what happens if someone is not found before the start of school

- i. *Council comment: Burley has been an Independent School and will now move to Network 4 under Chief Asaf. The Chief has said that we will be assigned an administrator in charge which is a retired principal who is*

placed in a school to hold the school while the LSC still looks for a principal

- b. Difference between an interim and an Admin in Charge
 - i. Council shared the differences as outlined in the LSC handbook*
 - c. Want to ensure that the teacher representatives voices are being heard and represented in the LSC process because there are fewer teachers on the council then parent/community members
 - i. Council shared there is a teacher advisory council of 5 teacher members who will also be part of the process with the 2 seated teacher representatives ultimately making the final vote*
3. Parent
- a. Burley is so special and the teachers are what makes the school. They are with the students every day. We need to make sure that the teachers are comfortable with the administrator. I am a teacher and I want to make sure that we find a good candidate because I have worked at a school where the administrator was not a good fit and left mid year. I have a rising 8th grader and want to make sure that process is smooth as well.
 - i. Council comment: Shared that the current resumes will be looked at carefully for these things she mentioned, that the staff is aware of the undertaking the 8th grade selection process is, and will have to be all hands on deck to help support the middle school with the process*

4. Parent
- a. If we received an admin in charge, how does that get assigned?
 - i. Council comment: Network Chief helps selecting the person and will collaborate with the LSC chair*
 - b. If we go admin in charge, could it change to an interim instead?
 - i. Council comment: That could be a possibility but we would have to learn more. The admin in charge is a retired principal who helps the school stay on track. The LSC wants to ensure that there are good candidates, take time for the process, and will wait if there is not a good fit*

Nick Anderson motioned to move to closed session. Ryan Griffin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Principal Selection: Closed Session for Resume Review and Selection of

- **Candidates for Interviews, and Determination of Interview Questions**
- **Vote to Approve Candidates for Interviews and Interview Questions**

Carolyn Skibba motioned to move to an open session. Ryan Griffin seconded. Approved unanimously.

Ryan Griffin motioned to resume the open meeting at 7:30pm. Tony Johnson seconded. Approved unanimously.

- Tony Johnson motioned to approve candidates 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, and 13 for first round interviews. Carolyn Skibba seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Elliot Ransom motioned to approve the first round interview questions. Rob Moon seconded. Approved unanimously.

Next Steps

1. Create and post agendas for interviews
2. Round 1 interview dates established and invite candidates

VI. Adjourn

Elliot Ransom motioned to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Ryan Griffin seconded. Approved unanimously.