



Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for November 8th, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.09pm

Roll Call

Present: Robert Blitstein, Laurie P Barry, Mike Mitchell, Catherine Plocher, Melissa Schroeder, Noelle Peacock, Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Carolyn Skibba, Blanca Fernandez, Liz Wiedegreen

Absent, Esme Borrero

Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed the October LSC minutes. Melissa Schroeder motioned to approve the minutes. Blanca Fernandez seconded. All voted in favor.

Fundraising proposals

Friends of Burley presented a fundraising proposal for the 12th Annual Winter Party. Money will be raised by requesting donations from the parent community for the silent auction and ticket sales. 100% of profit goes to FOB to help support staffing needs of the school. Expected revenue \$73,320. Expenses \$18,050. Profit \$55,270. Melissa Schroder motioned to approve. Liz Wiedegreen seconded. All voted in favor.

Principal Report

Principal Plocher reported the school news and updates including.

- A successful 8th grade camping trip took place allowing many students new experiences and opportunities to bond through team building and outdoor education experiences.
- Fall Fun Fair took place on October 27th and was a huge success.
- 5th grade is finishing up reproductive health classes, and 6-8th grade will be completing the program in the coming weeks.
- The staff all met for the first full professional development day on November 3rd. Staff met in staff committees as well as all together addressing topics in line with the CIWP including social and emotional learning and strengthening the culture and community of the school.
- The teachers are two thirds of the way through the current teachers as reader text Comprehension and Collaboration.
- 1st parent PTA seminar hosted by Ms. Nash took place on November 7th focusing on social and emotional learning.

- Ms. Nash and Ms. Plocher attended an impactful weekend retreat connected to the Cahn fellowship. The program is providing greater understanding of our strengths and areas of weakness, how to push past limitations in order to grow and to develop as leaders.
- Poetry assembly is scheduled for November 17th
- Book Fair scheduled for week of November 13th
- Parent conferences will be held on November 15th
- Upcoming food drive benefiting the Lakeview Pantry is scheduled for November 10-14th
- PTA coat and glove drive scheduled for last week of November/Beginning of December

Financial Report

There was some movement across budget lines in the past month with funds moving into supply and equipment lines of the budget. These funds were moved to provide funds for needed instructional supplies, materials, etc.

The budget appeal has been approved to maintain the essential base line levels of staffing within the school. Ms. Plocher is working with the district to follow the required guidelines associated with the appeal.

With regards to internal accounts some funds are dropping into the account as parents are paying fees. School fees are being placed in the general school account line to ensure flexibility of funds.

Chair Report

Laurie Barry notified all community representative candidates of last month's election results.

Closing of meeting

Laurie Barry motioned to adjourn at 7:23pm, Carolyn Skibba seconded. All voted in favor

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 20th.

Held: Burley Elementary School (1630 W. Barry, Chicago), South
Lunchroom, Nov 8th, 2017