



Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for October 18th, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.08pm

Roll Call

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

Absent:, Liz Wiedegreen, Esme Borrero

Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed the September LSC minutes. Melissa Schroder motioned to approve the minutes. Bob Blitstein seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report

Burley has been successful in being recognized as an Apple distinguished school for the third time in recognition for the school's track record on innovative uses of technology in learning. Burley will continue to collaborate with a global audience.

ISTE – (International Society for Tech Education)- conference in Chicago next year. Burley teachers will be involved in reviewing proposals for presenters.

ICE – Ms. Skibba will be presenting in May

Principal Report

Principal Plocher reported the school news and updates including.

- Smokey Daniels spent the day at Burley observing in classrooms and hosted a citywide professional development event on inquiry.
- Ms. Plocher and Ms. Nash went to New York this past month to attend the monthly Cahn fellowship workshop and visited “The Neighborhood School” to observe their teaching practices.
- 7th and 8th grade parent and student high school meetings currently taking place.
- North Center High School Fair took place on Oct 12th.
- Middle school teachers attended Facing History professional development.
- Sustainability club participated in Kids Day at Whole Foods where they informed and educated the community about the chicken coop that Whole Foods funded.

- Solar panels have been installed on the field house using the IL clean energy community foundation grant.
- The Book Fair is scheduled for week of 11/13
- Russell Kerns has been appointed as the new band director at Burley
- The new Target donated \$2000 to Burley
- Ms. Ditto secured an \$11,000 grant for professional development for Math practices.
- 8th grade camping trip taking place next week at Camp Maclean
- Fall Fun Fair is scheduled for Oct 27th

Financial Report

At present the budget is still showing a deficit of approximately \$80,000-\$90,000 with little movement across all budget lines in the past month. Following the submission of a comprehensive and collaborative appeal, the district has acknowledged that there is a need to work closely together to resolve the financial deficit that Burley is facing, and has agreed to work together to maintain the essential base line levels of staffing within the school.

CIWP

The council reviewed the CIWP (Continuous Improvement Work Plan) and reflected upon areas of success and areas of continued growth. Ms. Plocher outline the plans five key strategies:

- Parent Partnerships
- Culture for Learning
- Curriculum - Technology
- Curriculum - Social Studies / Content
- Curriculum – Literacy

Chair Report

Laurie Barry introduced the community representatives that had submitted applications for consideration to fill the open position. Each representative provided the council with information on their background, their skills and why they wished to join the council.

Closed session

Carolyn Skibba moved to go into closed session at 8.05pm for the council to discuss the candidates. Bob Blitstein seconded

Return to open session

Carolyn Skibba moved to return to open session at 8.10pm.

Rebecca Armatis Furr seconded.

Carloyn Skibba moved to nominate J.B. Mantz to fill the role of

community rep. Bob Blitstein seconded and all voted in favor.

Closing of meeting

Laurie Barry motioned to adjourn at 8.11pm, Carolyn Skibba seconded. All voted in favor

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 8th

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Lunchroom, Oct 18th, 2017

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