



## Burley Local School Council: Meeting Minutes for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6.06pm

### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** , Blanca Fernandez

### Approval of Minutes

The council reviewed the July LSC minutes. Melissa Schroder motioned to approve the July minutes. Esme Borrero seconded. All voted in favor.

### Principal Report

Principal Plocher reported the school news and updates including.

- Successful start to the of year including the PTA ice cream social
- After school clubs and fall sports (girls volleyball, boys soccer and cross country) have begun.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade opera program has begun using the Ingenuity grant fund secured last year. The program will run for 39 weeks.
- Burley is now officially 1 to 1 iPad K-8
- Health classes starting in coming weeks for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ms. Plocher is considering switching the Hubbard Street dance program for grades K-2 to use Joffrey dance program. Aim is to offer a wider dance program to students and the grant proposal is currently being written.
- The high school meeting has been shifted by one week to ensure all glitches in the application system have been rectified and the correct information is available to parents.
- In line with the CIWP the teachers have finished their summer read “Curious Classroom” and continue to meet every other Tuesday for the teachers as readers program. A new text Comprehension & Collaboration by Smokey Daniels will be the focus moving forward.
- Smokey Daniels will be spending the day at Burley spending time with teachers and staff on 28<sup>th</sup> September ahead of the citywide wide professional development

taking place at Burley that evening.

- Plan to refresh and review CIWP at next meeting

#### **Financial Report**

At present the budget is showing a deficit of approximately \$80-90,000 due to a variety of factors including errors in the template that was used to build the budget, increased staffing costs due to staff changes, and health care cost adjustments. A comprehensive and collaborative appeal has been filed and at present we are awaiting a response. The appeal receipt has been acknowledged, but no decision has been received. The appeal proposal focused on compromise, acknowledging funds we have in internal accounts / parent donations etc and demonstrated what we are willing to pay for. The appeal request is for additional funds to cover staff costs.

With regards to internal accounts the Chicago Cubs check has been deposited however student fees have not yet been banked. Ms. Plocher requested a transfer of \$5000 from the afterschool clubs line of internal accounts to pay vendors / staff of after school clubs until the fees have been received. Bob motioned to approve, Liz seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **Chair Report**

Laurie Barry shared with the council that Marissa Maples has moved out of the area and a new community rep is required. It was agreed that the position will be publicized and we will accept applications for community rep. If more than one application is received the LSC will vote.

#### **Fundraising proposals**

The council reviewed four fundraising proposals on behalf of FOB.

- 1) 2017 Fall Social scheduled for Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. The event is a parent / adult only event where funds are raised through ticket sales and sign up events. Estimated revenue \$9500. Estimated expenses \$200
- 2) Annual Fund Campaign – academic year long giving and employee matching campaign. Estimated revenue \$156,500. Estimated expenses \$700
- 3) Brick and legacy campaign. Campaign that runs throughout the academic year. Anticipated revenue \$1500
- 4) Burley Backer campaign that partners with local community (Taco fest, gift card bonus bucks program etc) Anticipated profit \$7410

#### **Other comments**

Melissa Schroder requested feedback / an update on the current YMCA after care program following some issues with regards to

the available spaces in the YMCA services. Ms. Nash provided an update on how we are working closely with the new leadership at the YMCA to help resolve the issues, and discussed the possible option to split the students between the Hamilton and Jahn campuses.

**Closing of meeting**

Bob Blitstein motioned to adjourn at 7.28pm, Esme Borrero seconded. All voted in favor

**Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Held: Burley Elementary School (1630 W. Barry, Chicago), South  
Lunchroom, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017