



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes November 7, 2018

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm

Roll Call:

Present: Stephen Soltanzadeh, Bob Blitstein, Catherine Plocher, Laurie Barry, Blanca Fernandez, Mary Renouard, Amy Walsh, Teresa Merritt, JB Mantz, Carolyn Skibba

Absent: Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Liz Wiedegreen

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the October 2018 LSC minutes. Mary Renouard motioned to approve the minutes. Teresa Merritt seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report:

Ms. Skibba reported there is a lot of difficulty with Burley's WiFi due to the fire and moisture in the walls. Some classrooms have dead spots.

Burley has also transitioned to JAMF, a management system for iPads. This has caused some trouble; a lot of small issues come up daily, but will get through it all. Down the road the new system is supposed to be great.

Burley has been invited and accepted to host Apple Education on December 6. They are facilitating a series of curriculum-focused visits for schools with 1:1 iPad programs. Apple wanted Burley to be the first host. There are 8 schools in Chicago (both CPS and private) who are participating in 1:1 iPad initiative. Apple is sending teams to observe classrooms at Burley then Ms. Skibba and a small team will go to partner schools to learn from them.

Fundraising proposals:

No fundraising proposals this month.

Principal's Report:

8th grade camping trip went well.

Fall Fun Fair went well especially for not being able to utilize the gym.



School drills are underway for the year. Burley does a fire drill monthly; bus evacuation drill, allergen drill, and shelter in place drill have also been completed. The lockdown drill will be Friday, November 16.

The gym is on track everyday! They've installed light switches, dimmers and wood floor. The gym is scheduled to reopen on December 1 -- the book fair starts the following week. There will be more work done over winter break for the gym and the 2nd floor.

Principal Plocher met with Illinois Senate President John Cullerton. He spent over 1.5 hours at Burley, went to every classroom, the field house, talked to lots of students and teachers -- he got a good sense of the Burley community. He expressed a lot of support, possibly through capital bills. Cullerton's aides have asked for follow up information. Principal Plocher also met with Alderman Tunney to ask for his support and has talked to other principals about their addition experiences.

CPS and Burley are brainstorming short term and long term solutions for neighborhood overcrowding issues.

Election day was held at Burley on Tuesday, November 6.

Coming up:

Parent conferences/report card pickup is Wednesday, November 14.

Lesson Study is underway. Eight staff members from grades K – 8 including paraprofessionals and administration are participating. They meet about once/month to plan, observe a peer teaching a lesson and provide critique and feedback on the lessons taught.

There will be 4 Burley basketball teams, girls and boys 5/6, 7/8. We are awaiting background check clearance on non-Burley coaches. Tryouts will be beginning of December once the gym is open.

The Cubs hired City Year to do some service work around Burley. They painted the mural on the playground and hung motivational signs in the bathrooms that FOB purchased.

The student council food drive for Lakeview Pantry starts Friday. Families are encouraged to bring donations on report card pickup day.

Fall pictures will be Friday, November 9.



The book fair will be the first week in December. Scholastic knows how much Burley loves authors so has arranged to bring Sandra Markle on Tuesday, December 4 for grades 1, 2, 3.

The 7th and 8th grades are two weeks into the Bulldog program which assists with social emotional needs. Parents will be invited to a workshop on December 18.

Holiday Hoopla will be Thursday, December 20.

CIWP

Principal Plocher presented the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) aka the School Improvement Plan. The CIWP is a 2-year plan, but it is a working document and the team wants to be as realistic as possible with goals and achievable action items.

There are 4 main strategies in the plan; this year the staff and administration is focusing on #3 for first semester (Revisiting and revising restorative practices) and #1 (Reading alignment and progression) for second semester.

Strategy #2 (Assessment alignment and progression), would be deep dive next year.

President's Report:

Laurie Barry reminded the group that one of the roles of LSC is to oversee and provide feedback of the CIWP. Moving forward we will be discussing CIWP at future LSC meetings.

Closing of meeting

Amy Walsh motioned to adjourn at 7:19pm. Bob Blitstein seconded. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting

Next LSC meeting is Wednesday, December 19.