



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes April 24, 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Rebecca Armatis-Furr, JB Mantz, Liz Wiedegreen

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the March 2019 LSC minutes. Carolyn Skibba recommended one edit in the technology report. Changes were made. Amy Walsh motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Renouard seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report:

Ms. Skibba is looking ahead for tech needs based on attendance projections for next year. The Tech Committee and Principal Plocher will make decisions next month.

In conjunction with the PTA, Ms. Skibba is planning two technology workshops for parents. They are May 7 + May 14 on digital citizenship and a screening of the documentary Screenagers. Parents in all grades are welcome.

Principal's Report:

ASPEN was rolled out replacing CPS Parent Portal. Internally the school transitioned as well as could be expected.

Mr. Mueller returned from student teaching leave and has completed his teaching degree.

Ms. Ditto took an emergency leave of absence. Mr. Mueller, Ms. Parlberg and Mr. Urbina are filling in for her. The staff has stepped it up with a smile and have been happy to jump in to help the team.

Ms. Pantazopoulos is being trained to transition for Ms. Baalrud's maternity leave.

Merit Fest was cancelled because the CSO is on strike, but other music programs will happen this spring at Burley.



Boys volleyball, girls soccer and girls/boys track is up and running for spring sports.

Principal Plocher had a meeting with the school photographer for the lunch room project. The company is giving us three free photo banners that have active messaging and encourage healthy eating. Every year they'll replace them with three new banners. The goal is to have these installed over the summer for next school year.

The key fob system should be coming soon, waiting for all the parts and installation.

The purchase orders for cameras for the playground and school have been placed, need to schedule walk through meetings and install.

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus recently came to Burley and performed/spoke with 6, 7, 8 grade. They told their story, talked about inclusivity, coming out. They shared something about themselves, sang selections about self-love and diversity, and answered the students questions. It was very impactful and the teachers were touched by the empathy of Burley students.

Some teachers have professional development days coming up with:

- Cornelius Minor, a diversity advocate
- Stephanie Harvey, she focuses on literacy
- 24 teachers and staff are going to a 4-day PD event over the summer. Most of the staff has committed to going which is a great way for the staff to learn and grow together

Fundraising proposals:

There was a motion to move \$5144 from supply line to professional development to register the 22 staffers going this summer. Mary Renouard motioned to approve. Teresa Merritt seconded. All voted in favor.

2019 - 2020 Burley Budget

Ms. Plocher presented the 2019 - 2020 Burley budget which was being sent to CPS central office by April 25.

Public Comment:

A parent asked about Burley's overcrowding issue and potential expansion. Principal Plocher said she is currently focused on next year's budget while also advocating for an addition. She had another meeting with Ald. Tunney and is hoping Cullerton, Quigley, Waguespeck, Tunney all can align and advocate together for Burley to get some state money for the much needed addition.



Chair Report:

The committee for principal evaluation is meeting next week to go over the parent survey. The principal evaluation consists of the parent survey, teacher survey and Ms. Plocher is working on her self-evaluation. The goal is to get that approved by May 15.

Closing of meeting

Blanca Fernandez voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Teresa Merritt seconded
All voted in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15 at 6pm.