



Burley Local School Council Meeting Minutes February 20, 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Roll Call:

Present: Rebecca Armatis-Furr, Stephen Soltanzadeh, Catherine Plocher, Laurie Barry, Mary Renouard, Amy Walsh, Teresa Merritt, Carolyn Skibba, Bob Blitstein, JB Mantz, Michelle Nash

Absent: Blanca Fernandez, Liz Wiedegreen, Israel Urbina

Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the January 2019 LSC minutes. Teresa Merritt motioned to approve the minutes. Amy Walsh seconded. All voted in favor.

Technology Report:

Ms Skibba reported the CPS wireless upgrade is finished.

Twenty five Apple TVs have been purchased through FOB to increase and enhance the ability to share and interact with student work and instruction class-wide.

On March 1, 2019, visitors from CPS and Apple will be visiting and observing 1:1 instruction at Burley. Burley has been a 1:1 technology school since 2006.

Ms. Sibba will be at the ICE (Illinois Computing Educators) conference the week of March 25t, 2019.

Fundraising proposals:

20th day student enrollment fund allocation was transeferred and approved.

Tranfers from miscellaneous 20th day allocation Budget 115 line (\$93,088.82):

- \$10,000 to teacher extended day
- \$8,000 substitutes for professional development and planning
- \$8,000 clerk extended day
- \$10,000 professional development registration seminars
- \$10,000 technology (ipad keyboards needed for testing and projectors for classrooms)
- \$47,088.82 Instructional Materials
- \$12,000 FAB system

Trasfer from Internal Accounts:



- \$8,000 2 printers, 1 projector and 2 macbooks

Bob Blitstein motioned to approve. Stephen Soltanzadeh seconded. All voted in favor.

Principal's Report:

Basketball is 3/4 way through the season. 8th grade graduation pictures have been taken. 2nd quarter report cards were distributed to students.

Eight teachers attended a full day professional development workshop focused on co-teaching.

Eleven teachers attended a ½ day professional development session with Pernille Ripp focused on literacy and how to increase diversity in literature and engage reluctant readers.

Career Day was a success.

Two cohorts of teachers just have completed their last of five lesson study sessions. Ms. Lewis did her research on lesson study; 10 teachers + advisers participated. They're working on reapplying for the grant for next year to continue the lesson study cohorts.

The CIWP focus on restorative discipline is continuing later in the year. Nine teachers signed up for a 1-day professional development with Responsive Classroom to dive deeper into the practice. There are also 4-day deep dive professional development sessions over the summer that teachers and staff are encouraged to attend.

After many years of advocating, CPS is committing to installing cameras/security system on the field house, and on each main door of the main building.

Burley is possibly/potentially receiving a \$12,500 donation from someone in the community that has been vetted and approved by CPS. This money will be used towards a key fob system for door entrances to increase controlled entry to the building for staff members in addition to reducing the need and urges of propping open doors to pick up and drop of students, etc.

Ms. Plocher is making progress on the air conditioning project for the gym; working with the Cubs donation and the CPS Capital department.

The FOB winter party is Saturday, March 2.

A Burley 6th grader has advanced to the city wide spelling bee on Thursday, March 14th.



Book Bash authors are confirmed.

Conversations are continuing regarding the overcrowding challenges. It affects class sizes, programming and scheduling around classes like Merit Music band and choir, PE, etc. the gym teacher is at capacity, etc. In addition to the space issue, the staff is thinking ahead to changes in next year's programming. How can these programs grow as Burley grows?

The administration is looking for a high quality drug, alcohol, tobacco education partner as well as a partner for social media education.

CIWP

CIWP (Continuous Improvement Work Plan) has continued and expanded. The staff is committed and working hard on Restorative Approaches to Discipline. They are learning a lot and growing through their PD sessions and planning. Restorative Approaches to Discipline development as a staff will likely extend through the end of the school year. The staff is increasing the student-engaged meetings each week.

Principal Rating

LSC rated Ms. Plocher for her 2017-18 principal evaluation excellent. All LSC motioned to approve the final summative rating. Amy Walsh motioned to approve. Teresa Merrit seconded. All voted in favor.

Closing of meeting

Bob Blitstein motioned to adjourn at 9:14pm. Stephen Soltanzadeh seconded. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting

Next LSC meeting is Wednesday, March 20, 2019.