

Waters Elementary LSC Meeting, July 10, 2018

TK, principal: calls Meeting to order at 6:31pm

Introductions. All present except Mr. Gaytan. We have a quorum.

Parent reps: Kirstin Bacon (KB), Chris Brannon (CB), Greg Foster-Rice (GFR), Jason Rieger (JR), Lydia Schmodt (LS), Erica Smith (ES),

Community Reps: Zach Koutsy (ZK), Laurel Niedospial (LN),

Teacher Rep: Rielly Wall (RW)

Staff Rep: John Gaytan (JG)

Principal: Titia Kipp (TK)

Erica volunteers to be temporary chairperson

Select a temporary secretary – Greg volunteers

Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Zach, seconded by Kristin. All in favor - unanimous

Nominations and selection of chairperson. Erica nominates herself. Jason seconds. Vote: Unanimous.

Nomination and selection of secretary. Erica nominates Greg. Chris seconds. Vote: Unanimous.

Nomination and selection of vice-chair. Erica nominates Jason. Zach seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Nomination and selection of FOIA officer. Zach self nominates. Chris seconds. Vote: Unanimous.

Sub-Committees – Budget, CIWP, PE, and Communications

Budget – Jason, Chris and Erica

CIWP – Zach, Rielly, Kirstin, Laurel, Lydia, Greg Foster-Rice

PE – (Jacqueline willing to meet with that committee) – Erica and Kirstin

Communications – will revisit

Set Regular meeting schedule for the year:

Erica: historically it has been second Tuesday of the month, suggests doing it third Tuesday because of when Budgets are due every 15th of the month. Makes it more timely if we do 3rd Tuesday except for November and April when we do the 4th week and June when we do the 2nd week. Start with 4pm in Sept, then Oct is 6:30.

- Email Kelli Landes to get this on the calendar.

Re-adopt rules of order for LSC meetings:

Follow the agenda.

Have to have a quorum for a formal meeting (6 members of an 11 person council, or 7 members of a 12 person council)

Seeking another teacher rep, they will vote in August.

Kipp motions to accept, seconded by Zach. Vote: Unanimous

Principal Report:

Annex – we have heard from the Alderman; \$24million for addition, new roof, tuckpointing. We have no other information at this time. TK is seeking additional information from downtown about when it will start, what it will look like. We had a capital project before and we had community meetings to invite stakeholders to offer feedback – unclear but we hope that will be part of the process.

Dress Code – Thanks to Erica for drafting some ideas about a dress code. TK is sharing a draft of the dress code with the ILT to discuss how to incorporate that into our current dress code policy and expanding that school wide. Will have it out before school year begins.

ILT will be meeting this summer. Big interest in Professional Development. We sent staff to the ISTE technology conference. In a few weeks there are 6 teachers going to Wilson training on multisensory and phonics. Ms. Alvarez and TK have been at downtown administrative conference.

Have complete asset tag inventory to account for all technology.

Budget – will be released tomorrow

Volunteer process – anyone volunteering at Waters will need to be fingerprinted.

[[Note: additional information about the volunteer process was revealed later in summer so it ins included in these amended Minutes]]:

ALL volunteers at Waters must go through the volunteer approval process. If parents are NOT on the approved list, they will not be allowed to accompany children on field trips, field day, walk-a-thon, etc. This is a mandate that has been set forth from Central Office.

All details are available at this site:

https://cpsparentu.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=319488&type=d

We have five expenditures for 8th grade Springfield Trip, Scholastic book fair, and graduation expenses over \$1,000. Checks have already been written. Erica: Motion to acknowledge these expenditures, Chris Seconds. Unanimous.

Expenditures:

Brightspark (8 th grade field trip to Springfield)	\$11,041.00
Interstate (school yearbooks)	\$3467.93
Scholastic (Book Fair Spring)	\$6110.08

Herff Jones (Cap and Gowns for graduation)	\$1120.66
Bluestar Embroidery (TShirts graduation)	\$1055.00

Questions:

KB question: how will parents know about the fingerprints?

TK: Greennotes announcement will be going out to announce the annex news and the volunteer process.

LS: Suggests we communicate this robustly, in advance, and in backpacks. If you've been background checked elsewhere can that count for CPS background check?

TK: unclear, we have not received communication on that. It's possible. Would have to call the background check facility.

CB: How do we monitor that only people with checks are allowed in building?

TK: Once you've been approved your name is on a list that is monitored by the office at the school.

LS: Is there a master email list for the whole school that we can use to communicate this to everyone?

TK: We don't have any way of doing that because we are a public school. Green Notes is an opt-in system.

Teacher RW: Will we have a rolling acceptance or a deadline for background checks?

TK: We want rolling because we don't want to discourage anyone from volunteering.

KB/LS: Is the new dress code going to be discussed by the LSC?

TK: The teachers will address it at their ILT meeting in August, taking into account the suggestions submitted by Erica.

KB: Is there a plan for changes to dress code?

TK: Possibly, but everything has to be vetted by the legal department.

Teacher Annette Booczko: Regarding the volunteer background checks, from a teacher's perspective every child will get a welcome letter from the teacher. We can include information there.

TK: At the end of the day the background checks are about protection of children.

ES: any update about the network reorganization?

TK: Not much. But we know that from now on Elementary and High Schools are no longer in the same network.

TK: Also, we are an official Aramark school for engineers and custodians. We still have Mr. Carney through Aramark. We also got a third custodian full time.

Teacher Seth Raman: the teachers are here to show support for drafting a dress code that will work for all students and the community.

GFR: Given the level of parental interest in the discussion about a dress code, is there an opportunity for an LSC rep or two to participate in the discussion (not as directors but as a voice to be heard)?

Seth Raman: Yes, I think that would be good.

GFR: I agree. Having a voice through a few LSC parent reps will make parents feel more comfortable with adopting a new policy and result in greater buy-in.

ES: LSC members are supposed to get official LSC-specific emails from CPS. Any new information?

TK: nothing yet.

ZK: what's the reasoning for the official LSC-specific emails?

GFR: to allow for communication within and across LSCs and to make addresses publicly accessible. It's been pushed by existing LSCs for a few years.

ES: We will email OLSCR for more info on emails. If it looks like it will take awhile to implement then we can go with old default (firstnamewaterslsc@gmail.com)

TK: Motion to Adjourned. ZK seconds. Unanimous. 7:34pm

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