

Waters LSC Minutes 10-16-18

Call to order: 6:36pm

Quorum:

Parent Reps: Kristin Bacon (KB), Chris Brannon (CB), Greg Foster-Rice (GFR), Jason Rieger (JR), Erica Smith (ES), Lydia Schmidt (LS)
Community Reps: Zach Koutsky (ZK) late, Laurel Niedospial (LN) absent
Teacher Rep: Rielly Wall (RW)
Principal: Titia Kipp (TK)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve amended agenda, JR, KB seconds. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from September, motion to approve, CB, RW second. All in favor

June minutes from previous secretary with changes suggested by ES, motion to approve CD, RW seconded. All in favor.

Special Presentations:

1. Staff presentation- "Growth Mindset" - Ms. Vecchioni and Ms. Ballasch

Vecchioni - 5 weeks of work on Growth Mindset. Have been working on Depths of Knowledge (I apply, rather than I understand) for Math, ELA, STEAM. Working on focus groups. Accepting failure as part of process.

Ballasch – Morning Meeting, Growth Mindset at start of semester, looking at failures in scientific experimentation (marble mazes, lunar landers, balloon towers), Grow your brain like a muscle

2. Staff presentation - "Between Friends" - 6-8th Ms. Ballasch
Another part of SEL – organization that first worked with adults in abusive relationships. Now working with HS and Junior High students on healthy relationships with one another and with adults in their immediate sphere of influence. We have been working on this for five years in 7-8 grade, now doing it in 6th grade. Among topics, they learn about stereotyping (gender). They provide counselors who come to campus and work with the students.
3. Staff presentation - "Math PLC" - Mr. Gil
Math strategies – looking at the data from the school we saw deficiencies and strengths. Met w Orlov to work on three strategies.
 1. Elbow Buddy – go around to solve task collectively

2. Turn and talk – person at your table who you work with. Reach out for help, reach out to do a presentation. Ask a question of parents with signature to show that they did a presentation w parent.
 3. Math talk – more like student presenting
- Math PLC will get back together in 3 weeks to see how strategies are working in the classes
4. Dress Code Update
TK – final draft was circulated to the LSC, will be voted upon next month.
 5. Annex update
What do we know?
Lots of activity going on without any advance notice to the school. Contacted Alderman, Building Commission, CPS and have put a halt to the drilling that was supposed to take place Weds, Oct 17. Clearly there are members of CPS who are unawares of how the school gardens and ecology program relate to the whole mission and vision of the school. It is still a bit of a mystery. No one from Central Office has ever contacted the Principal

ES – what would be your request to them?

TK – express that we have a garden, we have an ecology program, we have a community that is concerned. Have already had a conversation with them about where to put the annex. They have floated the soccer field, which is not fine. She has a meeting with Alderman and Public Building Commissioner later this week.

What do we do?

GFR suggests having members of garden and/or ecology program at the meeting later this week.

TK responds that she asked already and they are not allowing anyone else.

ES suggests LSC member

TK responds that she asked already and they are not allowing anyone else.

GFR suggests public meeting; would have to be managed but is possible

JR suggest petition; could potentially provide similar data about people's feelings regarding the garden

TK suggests the need to first have information after her meeting later this week with Alderman and Public Building Commission. Then we can discuss public meeting or petition possibilities.

Correspondence and Announcements (5 min)

Reports

- a. Principal Report (10 min)

Special Education Classroom Assistant (SECA) funded by:

114 Office of Diverse Learner Supports Services (ODLSS)

- Eckbert Sierra
- Abena Motaboli
- JJ Banicki
 - KB- clarification about these positions
 - TK - These are new DL teachers who are assigned to specific students based on their IEPs. It is more of a co-teaching model with little pull-out. Teacher assigned to a grade band with X amount of students.
- 10/20th budget adjustment –
- ILT- PLC-GLTM- CIWP updates

b. BAC (5 min)

Established council members – listed in Green Notes
BAC meeting October 24, 8:30am

c. Budget (5 min)

ES – did I see someone in the office who is a substitute clerk?

TK- yes, someone fulfilling it as a limited role.

ES – are they trained in IAM (internal account management system)?

TK – no, they won't allow that

ES – this hinders our ability to get reports

TK – we are working on that; asking to do a budget meeting

d. CIWP (5 min)

GFR – nothing from central office (no new SQRP's yet – School Quality Rating Policy – still awaiting the numbers from CPS)

e. Principal Evaluation (5 min)

Moved to November meeting

f. PPLC (5 min)

RW – very helpful, cycling through the various topics. Did Math, Then ELA, then STEAM, then Math...

4. **Public comment (2 min per person).** *Please note: This period is dedicated for questions/comments that directly pertain to the 3 functions of the LSC: Budget, CIWP, and Principal Evaluation. Other questions/comments can be directed to administration (general school operations), teachers (specific classroom/grade level questions), or WatersToday (fundraising and volunteering).*

Mike Foucher, parent – grateful to school. Has questions. Has worked in media and politics. Knows the city pretty well. When are you meeting with PBC this Friday?

TK- I said I would make myself available

MF – Can you specify who you spoke with at CPS

TK – Lorao Roman

MF – who at PBC

TK – Mike Powell

MF – initial proposal was to go on the field, that was a NO. Another possibility was rejected. What was that proposal

TK – right here (the current annex). A week later I got a phone call from Central Office who were refusing to tear down the annex, they were going south into garden.

MF – how long ago?

TK – 8 years

MF – what work was scheduled for this week?

TK – drilling to be done on the site, which I found out about today. The contractor stopped by, asked me to call Building Commissioner. Got in touch with Alderman. No communication – no conversation or advance notice that this equipment to drill for samples that might trample the garden.

MF – can you say the name of the contractor? The name of the company

TK –

Ron Byerly – geotechnical drilling, done around of planned perimeter, would require significant

MF – PBC has not voted on a contract for a building yet, have they?

RB-

MF – some of the other schools from Sept 17 have architects already but Waters didn't

RB – it's possible that they

ES – I submitted a FOIA request to find documents related to the project.

MF _ I submitted FOIA as well, it can take 2-3 weeks

TK – ECS Midwest is the contractor. Many of these contractors have said this isn't right. And suggested you talk to the PBC person. Who was also OK with halting the process. He said

MF – it has been my experience that PC doesn't care, and that these decisions are made in the Mayor's Office who is their main constituency because by law the Mayor controls the entire Board of Education. I understand your concerns about bringing together a large body of community members together. I don't think it is your responsibility to put together a community group that is interested in this. I think the LSC and principal should participate. I think we as community members have an interest in working

ES – I appreciate your knowledge base.

Vanessa Summer, parent, WT Board Member – after the meeting on Friday how will you communicate to the community?

TK - I would like to share and I have expressed that we need community meetings.

Need facts so we can

VS – other question is a WT questions – Rick's questions can be addressed in person through the budget subcommittee meeting.

ES – it would be a public meeting if more than three LSC members are present

Jessie Novak, WT president-elect – Rick just wants to know how he can help the Principal and LSC determine a budget.

ES – we can talk more

Carolyn Dean, parent – Weds, 7:45 there will be a gathering with the community to support the garden. It might be a good starting point for the community to chat.

Steve Molton, parent – seeking clarification about annex. First, are we considering it will definitely happen?

TK – funding has been approved.

SM - Secondly, thanks for stopping what happened. You've mentioned you've done this before. Can you elaborate.

TK – when the current annex was created we asked for it to sustain additional floors but CPS declined that opportunity. Recently the argument was about elevators – if we could build here (in the current annex) we could have one elevator for the whole building at \$500k, but if out in the garden we would have two elevators.

ZK – since her community goes to school at Waters, doesn't this also affect Mell and the 33rd?

MF – the payback for the TIF for the annex is not possible because it would be embarrassing to

Jeff Jenkins, parent Coonley – PBC was very responsive during our process but we did have an LSC member at the PBC meetings. We took a lot of feedback at LSC meetings and that LSC member took it to the PBC...they (PBC) took a lot of granted so having that voice was very important...and because we have a lot of impact as voters, they will listen.

MF – plan on calling Jesse Ruiz, former BOE and also on the PBC who voted on this issue. I have a personal relationship with him.

ES – if you want to share on social media then please do.

5. Old business

6. New business-
Inter State Studio
\$1017.08

Acknowledgement of Checks Written over \$1000.00

Student Planners

WatersToday	Professional Development	\$2375.02
We Got Game	Fall Sports League	\$1800.00

Move to acknowledge these payments, ZK, Seconded by KB

7. Adjournment – motion adjourn RW, seconded by ZK

Follow-up with public commenters as necessary