

Waters LSC Minutes 11-27-18

Call to order: 4:03pm

Quorum:

Parent Reps: Kristin Bacon (KB), Chris Brannon (CB), Greg Foster-Rice (GFR), Jason Rieger (JR), Erica Smith (ES),
Community Reps: Zach Koutsky (ZK)
Teacher Rep: Rielly Wall (RW) – arrived late. Was included in votes after 4:20
Principal: Titia Kipp (TK)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve amended agenda, TK, ZK Seconded. 6 in favor

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from October, motion to approve, Amend to show that ZK was present. JR motion, ES second All in favor.

Special Presentations:

- a. Leadership Team Fundraising proposal - Sponsor Ms. Garcia
Student presenters on hand to raise funds for the 8th grade – popcorn, photo booth, winter dance for all grades (Kinder is asked \$1, middle grades \$2, upper grades \$3 suggested donation). No after school dance in Winter for many years. Also asking for pencil grams. March would be another fundraising goal with popcorn. April another fundraising push with _____.

Motion to approve these additional fundraisers beyond. CB, KB seconds.
All approve.

- b. Protocol and Procedure- Ms. Soto and Ms. Welch

The kindergarten teachers were notified that some form of online petition or letter writing campaign about the use of behavior charts was circulating among some of the parents. Ms. Soto presented her position of concern at the secretive nature of the campaign and the fact that parents did not approach the teachers directly. The full text of Ms. Soto's response was only shared with the LSC orally but since the matter is between teachers and what appears to be a small group of parents, the LSC asked that they work together to work through this issue. As always, parents and staff are reminded of the protocols and procedures for communication which recommend face-to-face meetings between parents and teachers before approaching the administration or LSC. The protocols are available on the website, here: <http://www.waters elementary.org/contact.html>.

c. ILT Professional Learning Cycle – STEAM- Ms. Rivadeneira

NGSS standards – use a black box to describe a system that you can't really see. See attached PDF for more information.

Describe what is in the black box just from looking at it.

Then you get to hold the box. Play with it. What is inside the box?

Compare the boxes based on letters

Never get to open the box – symbolic of the fact that we are always be on the edge of knowledge, always able to learn more.

Video: The idea of creative constraint, problem solving, systems hacking.

Correspondence and Announcements (5 min)

Reports

A. Principal Report (10 min)

We are very excited to be back at Level 1+

But we are not resting on our laurels – we are doing presentations every meeting to share how the school is continuously improving.

Aspen – new Student Information System starting ton January to replace parent portal

Proposed Annex location is NE corner – will be a large structure, 3 floors, music room, drama room, digital media lab, new lunch room space. Will be connected to main building by Wilson street entrance, pending zoning. Will have elevator. That's just a few highlights. We were informed at the meeting with the alderman that drilling would take place so that has started. Hopefully breaking ground in March. Will be coordinating with Public Building

Commission on the timing of work so it

Received email today and ISBE recognition

Equity and access – having equal access for all children is important. We just got an email in which the Our LRE 1 percentage has increased 29% points which means that 72% of our students spend less than 20% outside of a general education setting which is well beyond our initial goals.

See attached PDF

We are being looked at as a model for other schools because of the work we have done with such positive results.

B. BAC (5 min)

C. Budget (5 min)

See attached PDF

D. CIWP (5 min)

E. Principal Evaluation (5 min)

F. PPLC (5 min)

RW: Meetings are going great. Thanks to the parents for the meals during conference time!

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).*

Rick (parent, WT treasurer) – excited about system in which the LSC allocates funds raised by WT. I provided the LSC and ILT with a draft budget based on what we have done in past. Most items went through when we approved budget in September. The one major item missing was funding for art materials and supplies. In the past WT has paid for those in full. I worked with Ms. Vecchioni to come up with a budget that is about \$12/child. [Two minutes came up – the question will be addressed at another time – Ms. Kipp and budget committee to follow up with Rick]

Carolyn Byerly Dean – will there be an annex committee?
ES – yes it's on the agenda.

Amy Yoder – kids on the teams had to share uniforms. Is it possible to address this.
TK: We will look into it.

5. Old business

A. Vote on the Dress Code

RW – motion to approve the dress code as redrafted on 10-24-18

Full Text is here:

The Waters Elementary School student dress code supports equitable educational access for all students. It will be enforced consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size. We expect that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day (or for school sponsored events), does not interfere with any student's health or safety, or contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. This dress code will be implemented with "intent" as opposed to "literal" spirit, for example we will not be measuring anyone's shorts with a ruler.

- Clothing should be reflective of a learning environment that prepares students for higher learning and the workplace.
- All students must be covered from mid-thigh to top of chest in non-see-through materials.

- Tops cannot be strapless.
- T-shirts, pins or other clothing with inappropriate, hateful or offensive messages or pictures are not allowed.
- No hats should be worn in the building (except for special events).
- Footwear should be appropriate for school activities (gym, recess, going up and down stairs, science labs, etc).
- Thin flip-flops and slippers can be a safety hazard and are inappropriate for school activities.

Any violations to this policy (except for approved religious or medical reasons) may result in parental contact.

Results of the vote: 5 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

6. New business-

1. Formation of Facility and Grounds Committee for Annex
ES – move to form a facilities and grounds committee within the LSC.

8 approved.

Current composition: ES, JR, GFR, TK

2. Approval of Expenditures **IAMS** >\$1000

Typing Club-	\$1008.00
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WT- Cultural Event	\$1500.00
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Scholastic Magazine	\$ 2491.10
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Move to approve, TK, EK seconded. Unanimous.

7. Adjournment – motion adjourn ES, seconded by ZK

8. Follow-up with public commenters as necessary