Waters Elementary School

LSC minutes for April 23, 2019

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), Lauren Niedespol (LN)

Teacher Rep: Rielly Wall (RW)

Principal: Titia Kipp (TK)

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the amended agenda, ZK RW Seconded. All in favor

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from March LSC meeting, motion to approve, JR motion, CG second. All in favor.

Special CIWP Presentation: MAP scores from 2018

See attached PDF of PPT Presentation.

Reports

1. Principal Report (**10 min**)

TK

* IAR testing and IL science assessment testing
* Good turnout at PTS conference
* Have begun Kindergarten pre-registration. Not just getting kinder but folks have students at different schools.
* 8th graders heading out to St. Louis
* Cyerkidz workshop at the school – only 3 parents attended and one student. Was held in the February meeting. The parent who organized the workshop will be coming back on May 1st for the Screenagers workshop. Would like to have more of a presence to talk with parents.
* RW – Mr. Raman had students talk about stress in social media and talk to 5th graders.
* Had spring break.
* Had John Vincent who is the Cubs National Anthem singer come out.
* Forthcoming: May and June a couple of performances. Mattress Sale. Music performance. CAPE will have finale. 7th grade Springfield trip. Walkathon. Scholastic Book Fair. Field Day. Graduation on 19th of June. Official last day of school is on June 20th.

ES – Variety Show?

TK – We can look into it.

1. BAC (**5 min**)

NA – meeting was scheduled for tomorrow but next meeting has been moved to next Weds, May 1st, 8:30-10am. Will be a Math Workshop.

1. Budget (**5 min**)

JR – Need to approve the FY20 budget and the final spend down of the money that remains.

See the attached PDF of the Budget Presentation for details.

Post-Budget Presentation Discussion:

ES – Updated Sex Ed Health Curriculum could potentially be purchased by the school (provided by Chicago Women’s Health Center).

TK – is this approved by CPS?

NA – this would need to be a supplement.

TK – We are mandated to use the CPS curriculum

ES – maybe we could do a thematic topic in an evening session for parents and/or teachers?

LS – have we had anyone from CPS come in and talk to students, teachers, community about the trauma?

TK – we used Magellan

LS – is this an EAP (Employee Assistance Program)?

TK – yes, for the teachers and we have had regular counseling available to the students by school staff.

TK – since it’s not available to replace CPS Sex Ed Health curriculum let’s push it to FY2020 then talk about a parent workshop paid for by WT for this year.

Discussion of PD – we didn’t use much of that budget in FY19 bc of the amount of free PD that we found. So there is no PD in the FY20 budget. Will try to engage as much free PD as possible and pay for remainder from WT..

JR – could we allocate some money for aides in FY2020?

TK – it has come up in the past but we haven’t heard a lot about aides lately due to smaller class sizes. Right now we have enough staff for who we have in the building but if we grow next year we will need to figure that out.

NA – Writing with Power supplements the My Perspectives.

TK – the My Perspectives is not as structured as Ms. G would like. She’s a specialist and likes to supplement w Writing w Power.

Working to spend down the budget. Lots of discussion of coaching fees, buying down supplies using the FY19 budget but that will be consumed in the next academic year. We cannot spend Student Fees on anything that isn’t consumed by all students. So not able to spend it on uniforms for sports.

SBB Personnel line is $3.1 million – covers all staff members except for DL.

In combination with these funds we will retain our current staff including our special ed teachers, paraprofessionals, security, principal, clerk, counselor, etc…

$18,000 for premium services provides funds for a trainer to assist the clerk to accurately cover funds.

LS – what is the situation with the clerk?

TK – We have someone covering the clerk until the end of year.

ES – per the contract, how long do you have to hold someone’s position?

JR – What is the budget line for “homeless education”?

TK – that’s a mandatory supply line to buy toiletries and personal items for students in temporary living situations.

ES – is that accessible for Circle of Help?

TK – we can only buy items from vendors approved by CPS

ES – motions.

JR – I motion to approve FY20. Seconded by ZK. All in favor.

ES – do we want to vote on an official reallocation on FY19

TK – I make a motion to approve the spend down of FY19 as discussed earlier.

ES – Can we put the Sex Ed Health back into the FY19 budget?

CB – are we certain about the FY19 budget?

CB – Amended motion: I make a motion to approve the purchase of Reading Textbooks ($1222), Writing Resources ($1376), Math Textbooks ($8617), Math Consumables ($13,378), and Science Consumables ($54,689) for FY 19.

JR – I second

The amended motion passes with all in favor.

1. CIWP (**5 min**)

ES – done from earlier.

1. Principal Evaluation (**5 min**)– Motion to approve final summative rating for 2017-18

ES – will be done in Executive Session then the vote will be taken in public session afterwards.

1. Facilities and Grounds (**5 min**)

TK – PBC sent a request for a walk through and bidding on Monday, April 29. Will post an update after Monday’s meeting.

1. PPLC (**5 min**)

RW: When will we have the organizational contract?

TK – May 1, but it’s tentative. Always tentative.

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).*

Joe Sanders, parent: Could we get an update on what’s been done in terms of prevention and education for students and parents?

ES – I attended arraignment hearing. There are 20 different charges. Another hearing Monday April 29. In terms of what’s happening in the school, do we have any updates? Do we have additional supports provided by the Network?

TK – what supports are they speaking about.

NA – there were varying levels of how this impacted students. There is a list that Ms. Bricker uses to do check-ins with students. Also looking into supplementing what we have. Looking to get more staff certified for teaching Sex Health Ed.

ES – that brings me back to the curriculum itself which doesn’t have information about appropriate boundary setting.

Eileen Favorite – we know CPS doesn’t talk about consent until 8th grade but the victim was groomed as early as 6th grade so we cannot wait until next year. The kids don’t get it because they’re too young. Anne Williams is trying to get that put into Sex Ed Grades 6-12. There are probably students being abused by anyone

TK – that’s why I think it would be great to have that organization come in. And I was surprised no one came for last night’s event. We have a mandated curriculum that CPS. Anything added on top of that would need to be approved by the teachers. I can say we will have a parent workshop.

Ms. Aguilar – the 6th graders don’t share that much with teachers either. The kids used Between Friends a little bit. But they are uncomfortable in the classroom setting and nervous about peer pressure. So it is important to have the conversations at home because I cannot cross the boundary in the classroom.

Eileen – it is clear that victim blaming is a topic that needs to be addressed.

Old business

ES – no old business

New business:

ES - Move to approve travel expenditures for St. Louis, 8th Grade trip (see below). Seconded ZK. All in favor. The motion passes.

-Brightspark 8th grade class trip to St. Louis Trip 4/19

3/25/19 First payment $10,000.00

Motion to move into executive session, LS, RW seconds.

Adjournment

ES Motion to adjourn, JR seconds.

Executive Session

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Motion to approve executive session – all present approve

Session is recorded.

GFR moves to end the executive session, LN seconds. All in favor.

Call to order: 6:30pm

Call to close Executive Session: 8pm

Motion to come out of executive session 11:29

ES: I motion to approve the professional practice score as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by LS. Approved by all.

ES – motion to adjourn. JR seconds, all approve. The meeting is over at 11:30.