



**Waters Elementary School
Local School Council**

Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Date	Tuesday, November 17 2020
Meeting Type	Regular Meeting
Time Start/End	6:35pm/7:28pm
Location	Google Meet
Chairperson	Jason Rieger
Minutes Prepared By	Lydia Milman Schmidt
Attendees	Present: Peggy Ballasch, Chris Brannan, Greg Foster-Rice, Ari Frede, Titia Kipp, Zach Koutsky, Jason Rieger, Lydia Milman Schmidt, Erica Smith, Rielly Wall, Mark Williams Not present:
Minutes Approved Date	December 8, 2020

Actions

Approve Agenda	<p>There are two amendments to the published agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding came through Monday regarding Diverse Learning funding. ● The BAC report will be moved to the beginning of the agenda due to a time issue. <p>JR: Motion GFR: Second Unanimous approval.</p>
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Approve Minutes	CB: Motion TK: Second Unanimous approval
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Public Comment

Titia Kipp	Thank you to the team who organized the read-aloud last night. Thank you. It was an awesome evening.
Waters Today	JR: (Read) WT depends on the generous support of community members. We are currently in the middle of the annual Pledge Drive and Maker Faire. So far 55 families have contributed around \$30,000. Please visit waterstoday.org/pledgedrive .

New Business

Transfer of New Funds from CPS to pay teachers for additional work.	<p>2020 COVID19 shutdown expenditures</p> <p>\$2,000.00 district allocated funds for to pay staff</p> <p>25781 115 51320 290001 000315 \$1971.41 Bucket Position Pointer 25781 115 51330 290001 000315 \$ 28.59 Benefits Pointer \$2,000.00 Total budget</p> <p>Charter Transition Cohort</p> <p>\$7800.00 funds allocated to Waters school to assist with students transition, \$1500.00 stipend for School Based Transition Coordinator This request is to move the money to pay the stipend. The coordinator is meeting with the families to determine what the students' needs are.</p> <p>25781 115 51320 290001 000910 \$ 1500.00 Bucket Position Pointer 25781 115 51330 290001 000910 \$ 21.75 Benefits Pointer</p> <p>25781 115 51300 290001 000910 \$ 6,278.25 Balance to be used for students transitioning from charter schools</p> <p>TK: Funds are split between salary and benefits. Waters was</p>
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	<p>given additional funding for students who have transferred in from charter schools. The coordinator is talking to families and I will come back in the next meeting to request funding for what families need.</p> <p>ES: Does this impact our ability to argue for a full-time case manager?</p> <p>TK: No. This is totally separate. Charter schools in the area closed and some students transferred to Waters.</p> <p>Office of Diverse Learner Supports</p> <p>The original allocation is \$5077.34 Move the funds to a position pointer line- \$5004.77 benefit pointer line- \$72.57</p> <p>TK: This is funding from the Office of Diverse Learners for additional funds for teachers who need to draft IEPs outside of the school day.</p> <p>ES: I don't remember this ever happening before.</p> <p>TK: We also had it last year, but it wasn't being transferred for benefits and pointers. With making improvements in budget transparency, I'm asking the LSC to approve this to make sure the funds are allocated in the right lines.</p> <p>CB: All three of these are additional funds that were not in the original budget from CPS, correct?</p> <p>TK: Correct.</p> <p>ES: Is this an addition to SBB money per student?</p> <p>TK: I would have to double check. It was through the lottery, so I'm not sure exactly when those students enrolled.</p> <p>JR: Motion to approve funds stated above: CB: Second Unanimous approval.</p>
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Reports

BAC Report	Hermidia Aguilar: Had social gathering November 9. Talked
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	<p>about different Latino backgrounds and traditions and shared recipes and holiday traditions. We created a BAC Facebook page for rapid communication in our community. We want to engage more people. Next meeting is December 7 at 5:30. The topic of MTSS will be presented by Ms Bricker, translated by Ms Beza.</p>
<p>Chair Report</p>	<p>Agree that the read-aloud was great. Thank you to the teachers. Food service is available at Waters again.</p> <p>MW: Yes, at door 6 on Campbell just south of Wilson. We are there from 8am to 1pm.</p>
<p>Principal Report</p>	<p>There was just an email from CPS about reopening plans. I understand that the goal of the district is to get back in session. The safety and well-being of everyone is on the minds of everyone. The goal is to have Pre-K and cluster programs return in January. Waters does not have either of those programs at this time, so that would not impact Waters. K-8 would then return in early February. I'm sure we are going to be hearing much more about this in the near future with more specific details from the district.</p> <p>There will be a communication going out tomorrow to share with families that next Monday and Tuesday we'll be adjusting the synchronous and asynchronous time so there's a chance for staff to get into the building. Teachers didn't get an opportunity to set up their classrooms at the beginning of the school year. The PPC spoke to me regarding changing the synchronous time next Monday and Tuesday to 8:15-11:30 to allow time for teachers to get into the building and prepare their classrooms. This also requires some special scheduling to assure we're all adhering to safety guidelines. I've asked teachers to make sure they're reaching out to parents to let them know what the schedule for their classrooms will be next week. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week there are no classes due to Thanksgiving break.</p> <p>Tomorrow is report card pickup and LSC elections. We've prepared the south annex for elections. You can vote in-person or drop off your mail-off ballot at 11 and 15. If anyone is in need of curbside assistance, call the school. Polls are open 7am-7pm. Ballots will not be counted until December 1.</p> <p>Shout out to some teachers: Ms Vecchioni, who has started the Arts Leadership Team. Ms Bricker, Ms Ballasch, Ms Beza and Ms Booczko for leading professional development on November</p>

	<p>6. We planned for academic language development for English learners and some MTSS training. We followed up on Choose Love curriculum. Middle School team had materials pickup, which was very successful. We're looking forward to scheduling more materials pickup for other grade levels as teachers gain access to their classrooms. Mr Williams, Ms Amerson and Mr Mulligan for organizing LSC elections.</p> <p>I want to encourage people to continue to fill out the school forms. Deadline is tomorrow. Even if you don't fill it out, just turn it back in so Ms Amerson can count it in our tally.</p> <p>Ms Alvarez and I began a course that we are planning to implement with Ms Bricker. "Responding to Crisis: Attending to Mental Health in Schools". At the end of the course we will put together a plan for our school.</p> <p>We are welcoming back the Chicago Bar Association to Mr Raman's classroom. GoCPS application deadline is December 11 for families who are applying for high school and other programs within CPS.</p> <p>December 15 there will be a community presentation on Choose Love.</p> <p>Mr Bradford is working on a holiday performance presentation.</p>
Budget	<p>CB: Budget committee met with Ms Kipp the week before last. We've gone through the approval of some of the more minor transfer. Discussions are around moving toward agreement on additional staffing requests before bringing to the LSC.</p>
PPLC	<p>PB: We are hoping to have a meeting coming up. A new PPLC has to take place. It can't take place until after the LSC election results are in. This will be after the next Board of Education meeting.</p>
CIWP	<p>GFR: Emailed Ms Kipp to set up a CIWP meeting before the December meeting, which is when we're due for 15-week update. We are looking to include a lot of public engagement on that, which is an opportunity to bring the school community together.</p>
Facilities & Grounds	<p>JR: The nature playspace is still underway. Alex is taking a couple of weeks break but will resume in December. A lot of the anchor pieces are in place.</p>

	<p>TK: PBC and the construction company are still on-site, but it is coming to a close.</p> <p>GFR: Will a potential return to school affect the timeline for the nature play space?</p> <p>JR: He's trying to get as much done before the ground freezes, but he can't work while students are in session. The current timeline is completion before the start of the 2021-22 school year.</p>
Principal Evaluation	<p>JR: We had an executive session for feedback today. It was a productive session.</p> <p>ES: I proposed the current committee put together a transition document for the new LSC who will be in place in January.</p>
Fine Arts Committee	<p>AF: Excited to report that the Arts Leadership Team had its first meeting in October. The three committee members attended the meeting. We are currently working on a statement of purpose including advocating for the budget and keeping arts central at Waters. There was a Standards for Success survey that is currently with the Office of Arts Education. This is a BOY assessment to be repeated at the end of the school year. There were 34 responses from the school community. They won't release the results publicly, but they will share it with Ms Kipp and Ms Vecchioni, who can share it with the ALT, the Fine Arts Committee and the LSC. That will determine how we move forward. Ms Kipp has reiterated her commitment to keeping the arts central to the school's mission and purpose.</p>

Public Comment

Michelle Weber	<p>A neighbor asked me about voting. Do community members who are not parents have to come in and show ID?</p> <p>TK: Community members do have to come into the building. They can call in advance for curbside voting.</p>
Carolyn Dean	<p>Thank you for your volunteer time, LSC members, especially during this extended term!</p>

Adjourn Meeting	<p>Motion: ES Second: AF Unanimous Approval</p>
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Action Items/Next Steps

Action Item	Owner	Due Date

Next Meeting Date & Time	Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020
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