



**Waters Elementary School  
Local School Council**

**Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 18 2021 - Wednesday, May 19 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Type</b>	Regular Meeting
<b>Time Start/End</b>	6:32pm May 18/May 19 2021
<b>Location</b>	Google Meet
<b>Chairperson</b>	Greg Foster-Rice
<b>Minutes Prepared By</b>	Lydia Milman Schmidt
<b>Attendees</b>	Present: Peggy Ballasch, Liz Chandran, Ron Dean, Raha Dempsey, Greg Foster-Rice, Ari Frede, Titia Kipp, Stuart Lange,, Lydia Milman Schmidt, Alison MacDonald-Ryan, Karen Soto, Mark Williams
<b>Minutes Approved Date</b>	<b>June 15, 2021</b>

**Actions**

<b>Approve Agenda</b>	<p>GFR: Addition of Wellness Committee to the end of the reports section.</p> <p>TK: The amounts in the agenda have changed slightly. GFR: We can indicate when we get to that item.</p> <p>Motion: KS Second: SL Approval: Unanimous</p>
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<b>Approve Minutes from April 20th and May 13 meeting</b>	Motion: SL Second: AMR Approval: Unanimous
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**Public Comment**

<b>Erin Copland</b>	<p>I'm speaking on behalf of the eighth grade class and their graduation ceremony and events. I understand the uncertainty from CPS. I got an email earlier this evening from Ms Cavey about events around graduation. I'm disappointed because we didn't know anything until this evening. It seems there is going to be another drive through graduation. In my eyes, that is disappointing. I'm not sure what the planning was behind the scenes, but parents have not contributed to any of these conversations, and are ready and willing to assist in any way needed. With a lot of very smart people on staff and clever parents who are willing to step up, I'm hoping we can find a way to have a nice graduation ceremony and events.</p> <p>TK: We will talk with the middle school staff and follow up with parents.</p>
<b>Molly O'Keefe</b>	<p>Same topic. We were given no information until 6:23 today for something that is happening a month from now. Parents have not been given a voice.</p> <p>TK: This is the first time I'm hearing about this. I have not been reached out to at all with any concerns about graduation. We will follow up with 8th grade staff.</p> <p>MO: No concerns were mentioned because no one had told us a plan had been made.</p>
<b>Carmen Chami</b>	<p>My topic is about to give context for the needs for a special teacher for bilingual kids. I am a member of BAC. It's difficult to discern for some students between the disability and language learning. OLC reported in 2019 one of each four ELs has an IEP. Waters is not an exception. Within special education room, it's easily recognizable that students have Hispanic origins. If students like my son have social English, that doesn't mean they have academic English. At home we explain to him in Spanish and he translates to do the assignments.</p>

	<p>This is the same for many bilingual students. Many bilingual families rely totally on teachers. If the English Language needs aren't met, students fall behind. This is more evident in middle school because there are not enough teachers. Sometimes teachers just guide them to complete the assignment. This crucial stage of learning just before high school is of great concern for many of us, who want the same opportunities as the rest of the students and the ability to apply to selective enrollment high schools. The Hispanic community is the largest minority at Waters, and is sometimes invisible. Please consider dedicating a bilingual special education teacher to provide Equity.</p>
<p><b>Mark Williams (spoke and submitted via email)</b></p>	<p>I am speaking to you about my relationship with Ms. Kipp and my view of Waters as an Aramark kitchen Manager.</p> <p>My relationship with Ms. Kipp has been nothing but positive. The support and involvement of Ms. Kipp with the kitchen and staff is very hands on. She makes sure that the kitchen is providing the best possible food for every student and family who wants to participate in the Breakfast, Lunch, Afterschool meal program and Meal distribution during the pandemic. Ms. Kipp has always encouraging me to communicate all concerns and observations to her about students, teachers, staff, vendors, parents, and community members. Ms. Kipp and I have daily communication and meet regularly to address concerns, observations and discuss upcoming events that the kitchen could get involved With.</p> <p>As one of the first people in the building daily, I have become involved in many aspects of the school with the support and encouragement of Ms. Kipp. With the pandemic and construction this past year, my observations and involvement have increased a great deal. I am involved in not only the kitchen and cafeteria but with keeping up with Covid protocols in the cafeteria spaces. Due to daily changes in classrooms pods and daily pods. The cafeteria spaces and some class pods need to be relocated or adjusted in the cafeteria spaces daily to comply with the CPS Covid protocols. Pod and classroom daily adjustments effect everyone in the building. As well as at home. It takes everyone at Waters to make Pod and Classroom adjustments work. I meet with Ms. Kipp, Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Gayton, and the Right at School staff daily to ensure the safety of everyone. Ms. Kipp's leadership, communication, along with the environment of We are all in this together.</p> <p>I observe the leadership, communication and coordination from Ms. Kipp that got remote learning going during construction and relocation</p>

	<p>of the classrooms while the teaching staff taught remotely. Then coordinating student, teacher, and staff returning to the building, relocation of the classrooms, a very long construction punch list and coordinating Hybrid learning. Now making sure it is a safe and educational environment while dealing with the daily request for changes of student Hybrid learning. This year has been a challenge with constant changing guidance and direction from CPS.</p> <p>Ms. Kipp’s leadership, communication, support, and the environment she has created at Waters is why I go outside my role as a Kitchen manager.</p>
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**Unfinished Business**

<p><b>Principal Evaluation - Vote on Professional Practice Scores</b></p>	<p>GFR: Thank you to the community for your participation in the principal evaluation process.  SL: Thank you to the LSC. Just to remind the LSC members, we are voting on the scores and narrative comments that were sent over the weekend.</p> <p><b>Motion to approve preliminary professional practice scores: SL  Second: Ron Dean</b></p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b>  <b>LC: Aye</b>  <b>GFR: Aye</b>  <b>Ron: Aye</b>  <b>SL: Aye</b>  <b>AMR: Aye</b>  <b>Raha: Aye</b>  <b>AF: Aye</b>  <b>MW: Aye</b>  <b>MB: Abstain</b>  <b>KS: No</b>  <b>LMS: Aye</b></p> <p><b>9 ayes. 1 no. 1 abstain. Motion passed. We will submit scores in PEOT and reach out to Ms Kipp to set up a feedback meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>Budget - FY22 Presentation #2</b></p>	<p>GFR: CPS budgets are challenging and rarely easy. We are working to improve upon our process from last year. We have made big gains. There have been hurdles from CPS. We are learning to be better collaborators as an LSC and administration. Thank you Ms Kipp and</p>

**Budget - FY21  
Spend Down  
Approvals**

the budget committee for their work, as well as other LSC and staff members who have provided support.

TK: Before we get started, I want to reiterate the collaborative process we've had this year. The budget I will present this evening is different than what was provided last week. This is the third version based on suggestions that were presented to me.

Budget presentation (attached)

TK: There was some inquiry regarding summer clerk positions. The system shuts down in June and money doesn't get re-loaded in July, or later for 124 funds. In June I would ask that we do a book transfer of approximately \$6,000 for summer clerks for the summer of 21. Then when the budget opens in July, we can make a book transfer so the funds can be in the line. I also spoke with the real estate office about rentals starting this summer and into next year. There are still many restrictions regarding summer programs outside of what CPS is offering.

GFR: Can we start with questions from the budget committee?

LC: We have made a lot of progress. We've done a lot in the last 24 hours, which is a short timeline. Ms. Kipp has listened to a lot of what we've been saying and taken those things into account.

LMS: Should we limit discussion to the spend down first?

GFR: Yes.

Ron: About the Lead180 professional development, does the \$25k for next year cover support? Would there be additional costs?

TK: The company provides an online system that teachers would have access to. There is a desire to do additional work in multiple years. We can scale back from the level that we are interested in now in subsequent years. We could also pull from other revenue sources.

SL: The bucket negatives, can you explain in more detail where those charges came from? How are the bucket invoices different from the other negatives for the subs and summer clerks?

TK: There's an invoice for FY20 buckets. This was something that the district emailed me after our last LSC meeting and said these were funds owed to CPS. We did utilize subs when teachers went for PD. This is separate from the substitute funding from CPS that covers personal days. We have to fund additional subs to cover the

classrooms. Somehow last year during the pandemic CPS didn't send the invoice to us. This is why we need two clerks in the office.

The second invoice is from this school year. Because they front loaded the money for us, they're asking for that money back.

SL: Can you explain what you mean by "front loading"?

TK: In the buckets for FY22, they are loaded into Oracle from Internal Accounts. They are putting up a little over \$1,000 in each bucket. For the FY21 invoice for \$10,565, that's due for this year because they front-loaded that for us.

The negative on \$8,680 is not an invoice, that's just on our Oracle line right now. That's there because of the sub coverage we had in the beginning of the year and a little bit from extended day pay for regular teachers.

The way the district works, if you don't have students in the building, a substitute can't get paid. We didn't have the funding for the district but I needed to make sure the classrooms were set up. The subs we intended to hire came in before the school year to set up classrooms, and we paid out of these sub buckets.

AMR: I want to echo Liz's comments. I think we've come a really long way on this. Because it showed up on the priorities slide but I don't see it in the spend down is the Foundations pilot program.

TK: We do have funds available in Internal Accounts. In June I can ask for the approval for a school check to be written so we can order those supplies for teachers in the fall.

MW: In the interest of avoiding some negatives, can we create buckets ahead of time so we are prepared for that?

TK: The buckets are already open. It's a matter of monitoring the funds that are in buckets. That's why the clerk role is crucial to this work.

GFR: For any LSC members who weren't able to attend the Lead180 presentation, it seems like it has a lot of potential for curriculum scaffolding and differentiation to improve some of the areas identified in the CIWP. It appears to be a pretty great program. I'd also like to second Mr Williams' comment and say that the LSC would have a very high expectation of clear reporting. The LSC is happy to assist in this.

LC: The clerks should give us a monthly report of sub coverage for PD. Even an estimate. I ask that this become one of the clerk's duties.

KS: Can we try to approve it all together and if it doesn't have the votes we can go line by line?

GFR: I think that's a great suggestion. Let's do one for SBB spend down and one for 124 spend down.

**Ron: I make a motion to approve the FY21 SBB spend down for \$58,708.06 as shown on the slide, minus the Whiteboards/Promethean Boards and Foundations materials.**

KB: Second

SL: I would have preferred a line by line vote. There are things that I strongly support, such as Lead 180. We don't have an option on the bucket invoices, and that's a point of frustration.

AMR: Can we spit the bucket invoices from the others?

GFR: Would you like to amend the motion?

**AMR: I'd like to amend the motion to split the bucket invoices from the remaining items.**

**SL: I second.**

**Roll Call Vote to vote on items separately**

**LC: Aye**

**GFR: Aye**

**Ron: Aye**

**SL: Aye**

**LMS: Aye**

**AMR: Aye**

**Raha: Aye**

**AF: Aye**

**MW: Aye**

**MB: Aye**

**KS: Abstain**

**TK: Aye**

**Amendment to the motion passes. We will vote on two separate motions.**

Ron: The first motion would be for the FY21 SBB spend down for Lead 180, IXL and Imagine Learning for a total \$28,587.06.

TK: Do we need to include the IXL funds from 124?

**Ron: Motion to approve FY21 SBB spend down for Lead 180, IXL and Imagine Learning and IXL funded from 124 in the amount of \$34,745.**

**LMS: Second**

**LC: Aye**  
**GFR: Aye**  
**Ron: Aye**  
**SL: Aye**  
**LMS: Aye**  
**AMR: Aye**  
**Raha: Aye**  
**AF: Aye**  
**MW: Aye**  
**MB: Aye**  
**KS: Aye**  
**TK: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

GFR: Is there a motion about the bucket invoices?

**Ron: Motion to approve FY21 SBB spend down for FY20 buckets invoices and FY21 buckets invoices in the amount of \$30,121.**

**KS: Second**

LMS: These items are a non-vote. Whether we approve these or not, they will be taken by CPS. In the spirit of asking for a more transparent budgeting process in the future and avoiding having \$30,000 to spend down at the end of the year, I cannot endorse approving this.

GFR: Is that accurate, Ms. Kipp?

TK: Yes.

KS: We have information about why this happened and a plan to address it in the future. I think this approval makes sense.

GFR: I acknowledge the frustration, but am optimistic that we are working on a system of having more foresight to avoid this in the future. I'd like the LSC and Ms Kipp to follow through with having the clerks support this. I am happy to support it, while acknowledging the concerns of other LSC members.

AMR: I loved hearing what you had to say, Ms. Kipp, about anticipating these going forward. On the same principle that Lydia and Stuart brought up, that's why I'll be voting no.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**LC: No**  
**GFR: Aye**  
**Ron: Abstain**  
**SL: Abstain**

LMS: No  
AMR: No  
Raha: Aye  
AF: Aye  
MW: Aye  
MB: Aye  
KS: Aye  
TK: Aye

**Seven ayes, the motion passed.**

Is there a motion to approve the two remaining items from 124 funds \$30,208.10?

**LC: I'd like to make a motion to clear the music fall invoice for \$21,528.10**

**SL: Second.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**LC: Aye**

**GFR: Aye**

**Ron: Aye**

**SL: Aye**

**LMS: Aye**

**AMR: Aye**

**Raha: Aye**

**AF: Aye**

**MW: Aye**

**MB: Aye**

**KS: Aye**

**TK: Aye**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**KS: Motion to approve \$8,680 to clear the negative balance of sub coverage, extended day and balance from summer clerks.**

**TK: Second**

**Ron: Is this a similar situation, that CPS will take the money either way?**

**TK: Yes.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**LC: No**

**GFR: Aye**

**Ron: Aye**

**SL: Abstain**

**LMS: No**

**AMR: No**

**Raha: Aye**

	<p><b>AF: Aye</b>  <b>MW: Aye</b>  <b>MB: Aye</b>  <b>KS: Aye</b>  <b>TK: Aye</b></p> <p><b>8 Ayes, two abstains, 3 nos. Motion passed.</b></p> <p>GFR: Thank you. I think it's appropriate to not have unanimous approval on every vote.</p>
<p><b>FY22 Budget</b></p>	<p>LC: As I mentioned earlier, I think we are in a really good place. I think we got to a compromise. We didn't get the Hyperion budget until this morning. I sat in a car for 15 minutes and looked at it on my laptop. I would like to wait to vote on this to give us time to look at it and make sure everything makes sense.</p> <p>AMR: I want to echo Liz's comments. I love that we have prioritized the .5 ELPT and we've got a full Essentials program. I'd hoped that Liz would have time to look through it and give the thumbs up. I too could use another day.</p> <p>LMS: I agree with my colleagues on the budget committee. I think of the three budgets we've seen this has the best aligned priorities. I could also use more time. Whether we delay the vote or not, I would like Ms. Kipp to give an overview of what changed from the budget that was presented last Wednesday.</p> <p>TK: After I presented the budget, a staff member let me know they would not be returning. I was able to close that position and rearrange funding from comparability and 124 to allow a dedicated .5 ELPT and bring back the drama program. As our enrollment stands right now, we would be fine with 24 homerooms. As we work through the lottery, we could increase our enrollment, increase 10th day funding, and hire a 25th homeroom teacher if necessary.</p> <p>KS: I appreciate this budget. I think it met a lot of needs by the LSC. I hope we do not delay the vote because I know how important it is to get the ball rolling on next year. Having this voted on helps the mind set of the staff.</p> <p>SL: Can you confirm the number of homeroom teachers we have this year?</p> <p>TK: We have 25. There are three different grades that could potentially go from three homerooms to two. Worst case scenario we</p>

could have a split grade level classroom. Looking at lottery seats available, I don't anticipate that happening.

SL: Thank you for explaining the possible contingencies.

Ron: The budget has definitely improved. If the budget committee members need more time, I'm open to giving them a little more time. I'd propose we set a timeline for that tonight.

TK: We need a 48 hour window per OMA rules.

GFR: There is a contingency where an LSC can defer a motion for 24 hours, but they have to come back in 24 hours.

LC: We suspend as though we are taking a break, and we can come back and vote within 24 hours.

GFR: Do the budget committee members feel that 24 hours is enough time to review the budget?

LC: Yes. I think so.

AMR: I have time tomorrow. I really want to do my financial stewardship due diligence.

GFR: Would anyone else on the LSC like to weigh in?

MB: For all the work the budget team and Ms. Kipp put into this, we owe them the extra 24 hours to give it their consideration.

TK: My concern is everything in this presentation is what is in the budget. What other questions would there be outside this presentation?

AF: The only question I'll ask tomorrow is something strategic. I would rather defer to the will of the committee. If you're requesting 24 hours, I would vote to support that.

KS: In my opinion, I believe we should vote for the budget. We keep pushing stuff off. The idea makes me uneasy because we keep moving the goal post. I want us to get some work done on the LSC.

LMS: Would we suspend now or at the end of the meeting?

LC: There are two ways. We could vote now to suspend the rest of the meeting or we could move this vote to the end.

	<p><b>SL: Motion to move agenda item 7B2 to just before Agenda item 11.</b></p> <p><b>LC: Second</b></p> <p>KS: What is the deadline for this budget? TK: May 20.</p> <p><b>Roll Call:</b></p> <p><b>LC: Aye</b></p> <p><b>GFR: Aye</b></p> <p><b>Ron: Aye</b></p> <p><b>SL: Aye</b></p> <p><b>LMS: Aye</b></p> <p><b>AMR: Aye</b></p> <p><b>Raha: Aye</b></p> <p><b>AF: Aye</b></p> <p><b>Mark: Abstain</b></p> <p><b>MB: Aye</b></p> <p><b>KS: No</b></p> <p><b>TK: No</b></p> <p><b>9 Ayes, motion passed</b></p>
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**Reports**

<b>Principal Report</b>	<p>I've spent a good deal of time on budget for the past month. I want to mention that Big Night is coming up this weekend. I want to recognize the hard work Waters Today has been doing.</p> <p>LC: A couple of months ago we had talked about having a public meeting about Room 316. Is there an update on that?</p> <p>TK: Given our budget, there is no budget for extra staff. I'll be meeting with staff this week and then have a follow-up meeting with community early next week.</p> <p>GFR: If we have the ability to commit to that meeting and give everybody 7 days advance notice, that would be great. I want to hear how the teachers would like to use that space to collaborate across grade levels and disciplines.</p> <p>Ron: Can you give us an update on the number of students in the tutoring we approved funding for and the status of the ELPT hiring?</p>
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	<p>TK: The tutoring program is underway. I don't have the number of students in front of me. The ELPT is still a vacant position. We made an offer. No one else has accepted the position.</p> <p>Ron: We approved that money and we're a month from the end of the school year. What happens to that money?</p> <p>TK: Those are state funds. It's not that we're losing the money because it's not ours to begin with.</p> <p>LMS: To Ron's point, we did lose money on the ELPT because we transferred quite a bit of money to cover the other half of the teacher's salary to free up the ELPT position. It's frustrating that we were not able to hire an ELPT before the end of the school year.</p> <p>SL: Is the ELPT position posted?</p> <p>TK: Yes.</p>
<b>Budget Committee</b>	No report.
<b>PPLC Report</b>	KS: We want to create goals for next year regarding presenting curriculum and suggestions for the principal.
<b>BAC</b>	Sheyla Esparza: VP of BAC. We had a workshop in April for parents. We enjoyed the meeting. In June we will host our last social meeting, a virtual painting party.
<b>CIWP Committee</b>	MB: We are hoping to meet June 2 at 12:30pm. The plan is to have a joint meeting between ILT, CIWP Committee, and ask BAC and other stakeholders at that meeting to provide input for our June presentation.
<b>Facilities and Grounds</b>	AMR: For Big Night there is a planting ceremony fundraiser working with Waters Today.
<b>Principal Evaluation Committee</b>	SL: We covered that already. The committee was very busy in the last month, culminating in the meeting we held last Thursday. We had 162 responses to parent and community surveys.
<b>Fine and Performing Arts Committee Update</b>	LMS: The Fine and Performing Arts Committee has a meeting scheduled for June 2 and 9am. The agenda is to work on creating a mission for the Fine and Performing Arts at Waters.
<b>Bylaws Committee</b>	No report.
<b>Wellness Committee</b>	AF: Wellness committee is meeting Sunday at 10am. We've been preparing to analyze the existing programs.

**Public Comment**

<p><b>Carolyn Dean</b></p>	<p>I know Sam Kaune, WT treasurer, was at a recent budget committee commenting on available funds for Waters. Is there any update as far as how WT additional funds may be spent this year?</p> <p>TK: There are some things that I would like from WT. We've been focused on this budget. Some spirit, community building types of things for the school, especially in the new addition.</p> <p>CD: Did Sam say WT had \$90,000 unspent this year?</p> <p>LC: WT was initially supposed to cover half of music and Right at School. We made the decision to use CPS funds to cover those and save WT funds, anticipating a low fundraising year.</p> <p>SL: We should keep that \$90,000 in mind and additional reserves of ~\$60,000.</p>
<p><b>Regina Cavey</b></p>	<p>I wanted to address the eighth grade graduation comments at the beginning of the meeting. We've had several eighth grade parent meetings where drive through graduations were discussed. I sent a save the date in April. We had a lot of positive feedback last year. Current CPS guidelines are only allowing 50 students indoors/100 outdoors. We have 80+ graduates. I am disappointed at the comments that imply we are disorganized and don't have a plan.</p>
<p><b>Kortney Moore</b></p>	<p>I wanted to address the question on the approximately \$90k. We knew that money would be held over for next year. I also wanted to say that WT is working really hard on Big Night. We will have a much better idea after Big Night about what is coming up.</p> <p>SL: A question I had on the \$90k, that was allocated for use in this school year. As we've seen, we are not intending to use that this year. From a procedural standpoint, would you like WT to make a statement that those funds stay with the LSC for the 21-22 school year?</p> <p>KM: It's always been WT's practice to roll that money over.</p>
<p><b>Erica Battin</b></p>	<p>I liked hearing from Ms Kipp that she's thinking of ways to improve the culture at Waters. We've talked about things to enrich the essentials program. I hope that will be wholeheartedly considered</p>

	<p>going forward. Little things that will make Waters a more welcoming place.</p> <p>TK: We did purchase basketball hoops for the PE program. Unfortunately, right now because of covid guidelines, we're not able to use those supplies right now.</p>
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**(Moved) FY22 Budget/Meeting Suspension**

<b>FY22 Budget</b>	<p>LC: Motion to suspend the meeting and reconvene 5:30pm May 19 to continue discussion of and vote on the FY22 budget at the same meeting link above.</p> <p>LMS: Second</p> <p>TK: If there are any burning questions, please reach out to me in advance so I can do my best to have information available so there aren't any surprises at the meeting.</p> <p>MB: The deadline is close. We don't want to spend weeks rehashing it.</p> <p>KS: I want to reiterate that we should vote tonight.</p> <p>AMR: I think we are so close on the budget. We just genuinely don't feel like we had enough time given the latest Hyperion budget came through this morning. There are no big issues. We want to be good financial stewards.</p> <p>LMS: I also want to be good financial stewards. We represent the parents. I also don't know whether there are consequences for approving the budget after May 19.</p> <p>Justin Heath: That's between Ms Kipp and the chief. I don't know. I have reservations about the 24 hour delay. I put a call into the legal department.</p> <p>LC: Pasted language from the reference guide into the chat:          "The LSC must also give public notice of any rescheduled or reconvened meeting at least 48 hours before that meeting is held. The agenda of the rescheduled or reconvened meeting must be included in the public notice. The notice requirements do not apply to reconvened meetings if the original meeting was open to the public and either the reconvened meeting is held within 24 hours after the original meeting or an announcement of the reconvened meeting is made at the original meeting and there is no change in the agenda."</p> <p>AF: That seems clear.</p>
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GFR: I am going to recommend we suspend the meeting. There will be no change in the agenda. If we suspend the meeting until tomorrow at 5:30. Please email questions to Ms. Kipp in advance to make it a quick meeting.

KS: If this comes back and bites us in the ass, I want it to be noted that the LSC take responsibility for that.

TK: For FY22, this is not an instance in which we are going to lose anything. That would have been with FY21. Recognizing the collaborative nature we have been working in, I would be remiss if I stop now in the work we've been doing collaboratively. I only ask that you email me questions in advance.

MB: Do you foresee anything that needs further discussion?

LC: Nothing that needed to be changed, just questions that Ms Kip could easily answer. I want to do some comparison things and I assume it will match up.

AMR: No big issues from my perspective. I feel like it is our job to be thorough.

SL: Can we use the same Google Meet address?

**Roll Call Vote**

**LC: Aye**

**GFR: Aye**

**Ron: Aye**

**SL: Aye**

**LMS: Aye**

**AMR: Aye**

**Raha: Aye**

**AF: Aye**

**MW: No**

**MB: No**

**KS: No**

**TK: Aye**

**9 Ayes. Motion passed.**

**Meeting will reconvene Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30pm at the link above.**

Meeting suspended: Tuesday, May 18 8:54pm

Motion to resume meeting: AF

Second: KS

**Meeting reconvened: Wednesday, May 19 5:32pm**

Present: Peggy Ballasch, Liz Chandran, Ron Dean, Raha Dempsey, Greg Foster-Rice, Ari Frede, Titia Kipp, Stuart Lange,, Lydia Milman Schmidt, Alison MacDonald-Ryan, Karen Soto, Mark Williams

**KS: Motion to approve FY22 budget**

**MW: Second**

Discussion:

GFR: Thank you to everyone on the LSC for patience and participation.

LC: We had time to review the budget today. There will be some work we want to do in July and over the next year.

LMS: Reviewed questions ask by budget committee today and answered by Ms Kipp. We asked for current enrollment data as one data point, knowing that enrollment will change and we won't know real numbers until later in the summer (current enrollment attached). We've asked Ms Kipp to give the LSC regular updates on enrollment throughout the summer.

That leads to the second question of the process for hiring a 25th homeroom teacher if enrollment dictates.

TK: We will be watching the lottery and enrollment closely over the summer. If enrollment goes up, in the past we have had teachers sub for us first. We could also use Waters Today funds to open a position so it could be ready to go on the first day of school. Then when the additional funding comes in from CPS, we could move funding around. Got confirmation that if we were to open a new position it wouldn't be until July.

LMS: Can you please clarify what is meant by "front-loaded by CPS" regarding 124 buckets?

TK: I like to keep buckets open from year to year. CPS puts \$1,000 in each bucket that we have to pay back.

LC: The confusion was that this money is not part of our budget. This is money that CPS is loaning us outside of our budget.

AMR: Going forward, we're asking that in July when the budget opens up we transfer money into those buckets so we don't have negatives.

TK: That's fine. We can do a book transfer. I intended to put it on the June agenda.

LMS: The other questions were about whether there were budget implications over a note about moving teachers from "regular" to "bilingual" and the answer was no. The last question was making sure some negatives in the bucket expenditure management team would need to be cleared later, and the answer was that those buckets were all clear.

AMR: Over the summer, can the budget committee continue to meet regularly?

TK: We can meet. I ask you to trust us. We do this every year. We are keeping an eye on the numbers. I can send updates to the entire LSC.

AMR: If we keep talking over the summer, it will mean no surprises in the fall. I would also like to talk about Waters Today funds in June.

GFR: Thank you to the budget committee and Ms Kipp for providing this information.

TK: Stuart mentioned you would check with Waters Today about the \$90k.

SL: I think we should formally and directly reach out to Waters Today to confirm that they are comfortable with the \$90k distribution that they allocated to the LSC for this fiscal year to roll over to the next fiscal year. And that they'd be comfortable with us using the funds to hold this homeroom position.

GFR: On the agenda coming up, we should have a conversation with Waters Today. Kortney said her intention was for money to roll over, and I think we should formalize that and come up with options for how to spend the money.

**KS: Call the question.**

**TK: Second**

**Roll Call Vote to approve FY22 Budget:**

**LC: Aye**

**GFR: Aye**

	<p> <b>Ron: Aye</b>  <b>SL: Aye</b>  <b>LMS: Aye</b>  <b>AMR: Aye</b>  <b>Raha: Aye</b>  <b>AF: Aye</b>  <b>MW: Aye</b>  <b>MB: Aye</b>  <b>KS: Aye</b>  <b>TK: Aye</b> </p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p>
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**Actions**

<b>Adjourn Meeting</b>	<p> <b>Motion: KS</b>  <b>Second: MW</b>  <b>Unanimous Approval</b> </p>
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**Action Items**

Action Item	Owner	Date
<b>Lydia send action items to Greg</b>		

<b>Next Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 15 6:30pm</b>
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**Addendum to May 18-19 Minutes  
Email from Principal Kipp to LSC May 20, 2021**



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## Hyperion budget update

1 message

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**Kipp, Titia** <tmkipp@cps.edu> Thu, May 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM  
To: Titia Kipp <TMKipp@cps.edu>, Nilsa Alvarez <nalvarez13@cps.edu>  
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Dear LSC members;  
Thank you for all your work on our school budget.  
The deadline to submit the budget is today.  
There was a technical glitch in Hyperion where it does not recognize comparability analysis funding source so I had to do the following:  
To balance our budget, I had to "close" the new position so the 25% that we will use to split fund a teacher position (75 SBB 25 Comp Analysis/124 funds) money would be released. I placed the remaining funds in the contingency line which now has a balance of \$53,770. The contingency funds along with 124 will be used to reopen the position in July. Remember 124 is the place holder for the 25% of the position and we will use comp analysis funds(\$29,089) and 124(\$4375.11) to pay 25% of a teacher position.  
This is everything that was presented in the LSC meeting and I commit to this position to reopen in July.  
I have also informed Chief Segovia of this budget matter.  
I thank you for your understanding and patience during budget season.  
If you have any questions, please let me know.

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*Stay safe and be well;*

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