



**Waters Elementary School  
Local School Council**

**Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, September 29 2020
<b>Meeting Type</b>	Special Meeting - Election of Parent Rep
<b>Time Start/End</b>	6:33pm/7:52PM
<b>Location</b>	Google Meet
<b>Chairperson</b>	Jason Rieger
<b>Minutes Prepared By</b>	Lydia Milman Schmidt
<b>Attendees</b>	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
<b>Minutes Approved Date</b>	October 20, 2020

**Actions**

<b>Approve Agenda</b>	Motion to approve agenda: MW Second: TK Unanimous Approval
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**Candidates for Filling Parent Rep Position**

<b>Candidates</b>	Jennifer Assria Elizabeth Chandran Ronald Dean
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	<p>Amanda Griffith-Atkins  Michael Heneghan  Jessica Kaune  Stuart Lange  Alison MacDonald-Ryan  Josh Meseth  Kathleen Seybist</p>
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**Candidate Statements**

<b>Ron Dean</b>	<p>Parent of a 5th grader. Architect and partner in a firm in North Center. Family has been involved in ecology and garden. Wants to be an advocate for public school and assist providing quality education. Wants to help LSC with skills as an architect on Facilities and Grounds Committee. Would like to assist in review and allocation of Waters Today funding in alignment with CIWP.</p>
<b>Michael Heneghan</b>	<p>Parent of two students at Waters. Will be around for a while. Loan officer with Guaranteed Rate. Have been active in fundraising. Came from Catholic school system. Happy to be a parent at Waters, and kids are doing well.</p>
<b>Stuart Lange</b>	<p>Parent of a first grader and a younger child. Married to a veteran CPS teacher. Loves the neighborhood and school and wants to help them continue to develop and approve. The next two years provide an opportunity for continued improvement if we work hard and communicate with each other.</p>
<b>Liz Chandran</b>	<p>Parent of second grader and kindergartener. Wants to continue the work that others have done that has made the school an asset to the community. Wants to contribute to growth as we enter a new phase. CPA currently staying home with kids. CPS graduate and mother was CPS teacher.</p>
<b>Jason Rieger</b>	<p>Read written statement from Alison MacDonald-Ryan</p>
<b>Titia Kipp</b>	<p>Read written statements from Kathleen Szybist, Jennipher Assria and Amanda Griffith-Atkins.</p> <p>Statements from Jessica Kaune and Josh Meseth were lost in the building during construction and were not read.</p>
<b>Questions from LSC</b>	<p>Peggy Ballasch: Question for candidates who are here: Many of you have been to LSC meetings and experienced the tension. How could you help repair some of these rifts in our community between teachers, administration, the LSC and parents in</p>

	<p>general?</p> <p>Stuart Lange: There isn't an easy answer. Everyone should have an open mind, listen and communicate effectively by genuinely listening and understanding people's concerns, even if those concerns make you feel uncomfortable. In order to make progress, we can't have a goal of not having conflict. What we want is to make progress and solve the problems people are bringing to us, not ignore them.</p> <p>Michael Heneghan: Remind that what we're doing is for the kids. Sometimes emotions are driven by our own individual child, which may not serve everyone. I can bring a balance of communication that I've had with parents and teachers, reminding ourselves that you've made a sacrifice by doing this and no one is out to get anyone. As long as we can remind ourselves that we are here for the kids, our anger, frustrations and disagreements are for the children, that would be a good goal as we grow together.</p> <p>Ron Dean: I oversee 45 employees, so I know tension is part of work. The key is to remember the goal and ensure there is communication.</p> <p>Stuart Lange: To respond to something that Michael said, that parents can get distracted by the needs of their own children, that is true, but I think it's important to acknowledge that parents who volunteer their time or simply choose to attend a public school are choosing to put the community's children above their own.</p>
<b>Question</b>	<p>ZK: Does everyone plan on running again for the next term?</p> <p>JR: We can only select one parent tonight, but we will have a full election in November. Everyone is welcome to submit an application for that as well.</p>

**Executive Session**

<b>Adjourn to Executive Session</b>	<p>7:00PM  Motion to adjourn to executive session  Second: Ari  Unanimous Approval</p>
<b>Return from Executive</b>	<p>7:47PM</p>