

Local School Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 4-5:30pm
Waters Elementary, 4540 North Campbell

1. Call Meeting to order: 4:10
2. Roll Call: Carla Griffin, Linda Garcia, Julie Moore, Greg Foster-Rice, Titia Crespo, Jacqueline Gaines, Matthew Weinstock, Bill Baker, Mariuxi Benitez, Hugo Siguenza, Terri Versace
3. Approval of Agenda: Foster-Rice motioned, Weinstock seconded. Approved
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Foster-Rice motioned, Gaines seconded. Approved.
5. Announcements/Introduction of Guests:
 - a. Principal Crespo introduced four new teachers:
 - b. 1st: Mrs. Nunez-Johnson, 4th: Mr. Leatherwood, Math: Mr. Moreschi, Music: Mr. Bradford
 - c. Jack Lewis, Promethean Theater addressed the council. Promethean conducted an event last year to support Waters and he would like to extend the partnership into 2013-14. Beyond another fundraiser, he is also offering Promethean as an asset to the school, using drama to help enhance instruction of the core curriculum, something he had success with in Kentucky. He will connect with Ms. Garcia about ways that Promethean can help.
6. Correspondence: None
7. Reports
 - a. Budget: Foster-Rice reported on Waters' budget based on CPS data. CPS listed the school budget as being \$82,000 in the black. School enrollment is projected to hit at least 628 students. Foster-Rice noted that while there is a projected budget surplus when compared to the previous year's budget, school enrollment will also be higher.
 - b. Crespo discussed ways to offset potential shortfalls in areas such as the supply line. She proposed raising the student fee from \$50 to \$65 per family; from \$35 to \$45 for a single child. Moore asked if the increase shouldn't be larger. Crespo said she wanted to be sensitive to the community's ability to pay and be conscious of the fundraising that already goes on in Waters, including Flower Power and other drives.
 - Foster-Rice motioned to approve the increases as outlined by Crespo with the caveat that a point person be named in the office to coordinate communications and collections from families. Gaines seconded. Approved.
 - c. Chairperson: Foster-Rice provided updates on efforts by the Common Sense Coalition and Grow 47 to elevate debate on fair funding for schools.

- Foster-Rice reported on a meeting with the Board of Education, in particular the issue of high school boundaries. While the board liked the LSC's proposal to incorporate students west of the river into the Amundsen High School boundary, they plan to hold off on action in order to review the entire district.
- d. Principal: Crespo reported on a new wellness plan being implemented at Waters, in conjunction with the healthy schools applications. Communication will be sent home with the kids and be in the Green Notes. Sweets will no longer be allowed to celebrate birthdays. Also, revoking recess will not be permitted as a form of punishment.
8. Public Comments (two minutes each): None
 - a. Committees – establish goals/timelines for 2013-14
 - Communications: Versace showed the new Waters website.
 - Budget see above. Also, Foster-Rice noted the need to reconstitute the committee since Christine Weldon left the LSC.
 - CIWP: Foster-Rice noted that a new draft of CIWP is available. He said it includes stronger links to the budget and now becomes a justification for our budget.
 - PPLC: No report
 - Principal Evaluation: No report
 9. Public Comments (two minutes each)
 10. Old Business
 - a. Discretionary Funds Approval
 - Motion to approve two checks for varnish and replacement pads: \$1,735.26; \$1,621.62. Weinstock motioned. Gaines seconded. Approved.
 11. New Business: None
 12. Public Comments (two minutes each):
 - a. Colleen Herman asked that Waters Today be put on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.
 13. Adjournment: Weinstock motioned, Baker seconded. Adjourned at 5:35PM