

Local School Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 4-6:00pm
Waters Elementary, 4540 North Campbell

1. Call Meeting to order: Foster-Rice called the meeting to order at 4:12
2. Roll Call: Bill Baker, Julie Moore, Terri Versace, Jacqueline Gaines, Greg Foster-Rice, Titia Crespo, Carla Griffin Barta, Matthew, Mariuxi Benitez, Hugo Siguenza
 - a. Absent: Linda Griffin
3. Approval of Agenda: Gaines motioned, Crespo seconded. Approved
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Gaines motioned, Versace seconded. Approved
5. Announcements/Introduction of Guests:
6. Mr. Kurz and Mr. King presented on sexual education that will become part of the curriculum. Mr. Kurz noted that this is mandated by state and city regulations. Crespo said that eight teachers have received certification, which included six hours of training. Parents wanting to have their children absent from the course work will be required to submit a letter to the teachers and administration. K-4 require 300 minutes; 5-8 require 675 minutes per school year. Specifics of the sex education program are posted on the [Waters website](http://www.watersselementary.org/sex-education.html) (<http://www.watersselementary.org/sex-education.html>)
7. Public Comments (two minutes each)
 - a. Parents asked several questions regarding the new sexual education curriculum. Questions included:
 - When will the curriculum be taught: Kurz said that for departmentalized grades it will occur during science class. For younger grades, gym.
 - When will it begin: Kurz and King said that the instruction will likely be in March.
 - Is the curriculum common across the CPS schools: King noted that the curriculum is very scripted and will be common across CPS schools.
 - Is bullying included: Barta said that each section has a lesson plan on bullying.
8. Correspondence: None
9. Reports
 - a. Chairperson: None
 - b. Principal: Congratulated the staff, parents, students on the science and art fairs. She mentioned the new arts grant that will incorporate dance into the school program. Crespo said it will likely fit into the physical education program. She and Kurz are in discussions on how to best address that.
 - c. Committees
 - Communications: Versace said that the committee will look for ways to incorporate the sexual education curriculum on the website.

- Budget: Siguenza said that the committee and staff need to reconcile the budget before making a more thorough presentation. Those monies include dollars allocated by CPS after the school year began and funds originally set aside by the LSC. Crespo and the administration will use winter break to determine where the money should be allocated and make a present that at the January meeting.
- CIWP: Foster-Rice: No update from the last LSC meeting. Intention is to have a public forum on CIWP in February or March.
- PPLC: Will present during executive session on principal evaluation.
- Principal Evaluation: Weinstock noted that the committee is in the midst of the principal evaluation process and will be going into executive session to hear teacher feedback.

10. Public Comments (two minutes each)

- Can there be a different direction for drama: Crespo suggested that the drama and music departments present at an LSC meeting in the near future to detail their curriculum.
- Do teachers have avenue to discuss work stress/classroom issues: Barta said that teachers can meeting with their union representative to discuss possible avenues to address these issues.

11. Old Business

- a. Discretionary Funds Approval: None

12. New Business: Weinstock asked about high school boundary. Foster-Rice said there's nothing new since the CPS board announced it was planning to look at boundaries across the system. Crespo said she has been working with Amudsen principal on teacher shadowing. Also, at network level, high school and elementary teachers will be doing more interaction, which helps Waters better gauge what's needed as students move to high school.

13. Public Comments (two minutes each)

14. Temporary adjournment to Executive Session for preliminary stage Principal Evaluation, which is officially due by February 1, 2014 (closed to public, approximately 5:30-6:00)

- Foster-Rice motioned to move into executive session at 5:30. Weinstock seconded. Approved.
- Weinstock motioned to adjourn executive session, Baker seconded, approved at 6:35

15. Adjournment: Weinstock motioned, Baker seconded. Adjourned at 6:35.