

**Waters Elementary LSC**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**

1. Call meeting to order: 4:03
2. Roll call: Julie Artis, Sean Rabiola, Vanessa Caleb, Julie Artis, Titia Crespo, Greg Foster Rice, Darian Martyniuk, Erica Smith, Annette Boozcko, Josh Kalov, Matthew Weinstock, Jacqueline Gaines
3. Approval of agenda: Mr. Foster Rice motioned, Ms. Caleb seconded. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Ms. Caleb motioned, Ms. Boozcko seconded. Approved.
5. Staff Presentation: Ms. Gyftakos and Ms. Ballasch discussed literacy curriculum options for grades 6-8. They shared their impressions of My Perspectives with the LSC. Both were positive about the approach the new curriculum, saying it creates a cohesive learning structure across grade levels. It offers an online writing program that provides instant feedback to students. Ms. Smith asked if CPS offers professional development for the new curriculum. Yes, said Ms. Ballasch. Ms. Ballasch said the curriculum is a good fit for Waters and the CIWP. Ms. Crespo noted that the cost is roughly between \$10,000-\$13,000, but those numbers need to be verified. There may also be some annual costs to purchase workbooks. Mr. Foster Rice asked for a breakdown of costs by the June meeting.
6. Correspondence and announcements: Ms. Smith offered kudos to Waters Today for Big Night and series of events that have not only raised funds, but created buzz. Sara Byerly, Waters Today president, said the estimate from Big Night is \$75,000, compared to \$65,000 in 2016. The total fundraising goal for the year is \$200,000. The rough estimate as now is \$180,000.
  - a. Ms. Smith offered a letter from Rick Bolliger, Waters Today treasurer, for the record. Mr. Bolliger requested more transparency and timely information from the administration.
7. Reports:
  - a. Principal Report: Ms. Crespo noted that May and June are busy months: literacy night, book fair, Grease performance, students going to DC and Springfield, field trips to the Cubs game, the walk-a-thon, and variety show coming up. End of the year assessments will get underway. She noted that CPS is transitioning service centers - budget transfers, timekeeping, employee reimbursement to self service, which goes live in May. She said that she's been told that the clerk position will not be eliminated. Kinder registration as of now is just shy of 30 as of early May.
  - b. BAC: Ms. Alvarez report that the last meeting was April 21. There was an overview of IEP. Officers met to plan for the rest of year and might look at workshop on cyberbullying.
  - c. Budget: Mr. Kalov reported that the committee is committed to doing long-term planning, including looking at historical account. Ms. Crespo asked for a subcommittee meeting to address concerns in Mr. Bolliger's letter.
  - d. CIWP: Mr. Foster Rice said the 30-wk update has been moved to the June meeting.
  - e. Principal Evaluation: Ms. Gaines reported that scores for preliminary evaluation voted on and approved. The LSC will meet in closed session for feedback session. Ms. Artis motioned to moved the closed session to the June meeting. Ms. Caleb seconded. Approved. Ms. Gaines motioned to submit the preliminary scores. Mr. Martyniuk seconded. Approved.

- f. PPLC: No report.
- 8. Public comment: Parent raised concerns about Waters commitment to bilingual learning. She referenced an audit that found Waters out of compliance with state programs. Ms. Smith noted that bilingual learning is a major part of the CIWP.
- 9. Old business: None.
- 10. New business: None.
- 11. Adjournment: Ms. Caleb motioned to adjourn. Mr. Foster Rice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:49.