

Waters Elementary LSC
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

1. Call meeting to order: 4pm
2. Roll call: Julie Artis, Sean Rabiola, Vanessa Caleb, Titia Crespo, Greg Foster Rice, Erica Smith, Annette Boozcko, Josh Kalov, John Gaytan
3. Approval of agenda: Mr. Rabiola motioned, Ms. Boozcko seconded. Agenda approved.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Ms. Boozcko motioned, Mr. Rabiola seconded. Approved.
5. Special Presentations: Ms. Crespo introduced the new staff, including Ms. Aguilar (6th grade science), Ms. Heilbrunn (2nd grade), Mr. Wall (5th grade science and math), and Nieves (3rd/4th diverse learning). Ms. Herman gave a presentation on the new Digital Media Program and how it conforms to international standards of digital literacy education. Mrs. Vecchioni described a new STEAM partnership with Columbia College, which will introduce “making” modules (alternative energy and robotics) into the science and art curriculum. Mrs. Ballasch presented on changes to the science fair this year it is now renamed the exhibition of student STEM research and will allow for more engineering and design projects, in addition to scientific ones. Finally, Mr. Raman discussed a partnership with neighborhood artist Rich Alapach who began the “We all live here” project.
6. Fundraising requests:
 - a. Leah Welty-Rieger, co-chair of fundraising for Waters Today, requested LSC approval for fundraising activities for 17-18. Waters Today fundraising goal for the current year is to raise more than \$200,000. Ms. Caleb motioned, Mr. Rabiola seconded. Request unanimously approved.
 - b. Ms. Alvarez, assistant principal, requested LSC approval for 7th and 8th grade fundraisers to cover expenses for trips to Springfield and Washington, DC. Mr. Rabiola motioned, Mr. Gaytan seconded. Request unanimously approved.
7. Correspondence and Announcements: Everyone is encouraged to attend curriculum night on October 4, 6pm for new Waters families; 6:30pm for returning families.
8. Reports:
 - a. Principal Report: Ms. Crespo noted that enrollment on Day 6 is at 628 students. She also reported that the school has a new engineer and is so far only assigned to Waters.
 - b. BAC: Ms. Alvarez reported that the first meeting will be on Friday Sept 29.
 - c. Budget: Ms. Artis reported various updates to the school budget since the LSC approved the preliminary school budget in late July. Waters expects an increase in budget dollars because the school enrolled more students than projected. Four full time diverse learner positions are funded; three are hired and the school is actively searching for a fourth DL teacher. Professional development dollars will be spent throughout the year after school to work on vertical alignment. The teachers are actively reviewing the K-5 literacy curriculum with a decision sometime in November or December. The school acquired additional Chromebooks with a combination of funding from Waters Today and a Mariano’s grant. Ms. Crespo is working with the teachers on wishlist requests and will compile this list by the beginning of October so that the Waters Today board can vote on allocation of funds. Ms. Artis also shared a budget summary spreadsheet that the budget committee will be working to update for each LSC meeting.

- d. CIWP: Mr. Foster-Rice notes that we are on the 2nd year of the cycle. The committee will be giving an overview of the CIWP at curriculum night on October 4 and again at an LSC meeting in the spring.
 - e. Principal Evaluation: No report
 - f. PPLC: Mr. Rabiola described more about the K-5 literacy curricula that teachers are reviewing: Reading Street (Pearson) and 3C. The cost for each will be about \$35,000.
8. Public comment:
- a. Parent asked a question about the school video cameras and whether they captured an of the tagging activity on school grounds. Ms. Crespo responded that the range of the camera's view was insufficient.
 - b. Parent asked a question regarding the extra 30 minutes of teacher prep time negotiated by the union. Ms. Crespo responded that the teachers requested that the first 3 days of PD in August were not principal directed and therefore there is no change to the schedule.
 - c. Parent asked a question about the rotation of "specials" and the school schedule.
9. Old business: None.
10. New business:
- a. Approve transfer of funds to re-allocate money intended for school service representative (\$11,500). Approve transfer of funds from the 225 miscellaneous line for IT support services from RL Canning (\$2000). Approved transfer of funds from the miscellaneous to supply line to purchase STEAM kits (\$1500). Approve expense from internal accounts to cover professional development related to STEAM initiative (\$3000). Mr. Rabiola motioned, Mr. Gaytan seconded. Approved.
 - b. Approve \$ 2523.00 for RamRod Distributors for chair covers. Mr. Rabiola motioned. Ms. Caleb seconded. Approved.
 - c. Approve \$ 2260.00 Hallegan Business Supplies. Mr. Rabiola motioned, Mr. Gaytan seconded. Approved.
 - d. Approve \$ 1800.00 Girls Soccer and Boys Volleyball Spring program. Mr. Rabiola motioned, Mr. Gaytan seconded. Approved.
11. Adjournment: Ms. Caleb motioned to adjourn. Ms. Booczko seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:40.