

Local School Council Meeting Minutes

Notice is hereby given that a regularly scheduled
Local School Council meeting has been set for

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:30 pm-8:00pm
Waters Elementary, 4540 North Campbell

1. Call Meeting to order : 6:33pm
2. Roll Call: Jacqueline Gaines, Darian Martyniuk, Greg Foster-Rice, Erica Smith, John Neyer, Josh Kalov, Melissa Rojas, Sean Rabiola, Titia Crespo (absent: Emily Haite and Carla Barta)
3. Approval of Agenda—Discussion about requirement for public vote on PE, amend agenda accordingly. Our portion is due by May 1st, will conduct feedback session with Mrs. Crespo at May meeting and scores due by May or June 30th (need to confirm with Office of LSC relations). John moves to approve amended agenda including public vote, Darian seconds. All approve.
4. Approval of minutes from March meeting: motion to approve (John), second (Greg), all approve.
5. Correspondence & Announcements: none
6. Special Presentation, STEAM -Including Arts in STEM (Mrs. Vecchioni): First, share amazing experience National Education in the Arts conference, PD is how we as teachers re-ignite and find new ideas—excellent example of how we can bring new ideas to the classes. Hundreds of workshops, like being in a candy store—lots of workshops on design thinking, creating more experimental creative and collaborative curriculum. Template that she's adapted for use in the classroom. Design thinking and STEAM integration. Resurgence in last couple of decades in STEM and more recently, integrating the arts. Using design/creative thinking along with technology, 'maker' skills. This is the next step for us as a school, conference brought an international group here to Waters to show how we do arts integration. Science teachers had a meeting on PD day to test out some ideas. Discussed 'maker in the classroom' as an end-of-the-year project to complement the science fair. Idea is to have our own mini-maker faire (starting small with a community event next year), option to become STEAM certified through PD, investigating group discount. Could help with middle school retention. Lots of resources in parent community who have experience in maker movement. Lots of excitement in technology around coding and using those skills to solve problems. It's a nice push-back against standardized education, important for us to do this (offering problems with many possible solutions) as

many times as possible throughout the day. Example—cyclebots—making them functional with a motor, make the arms move, paint a picture. Bloom in the 21st century. Trying to incorporate these ideas into CIWP rigorous tasks.—definitely increases the rigor, and developing authentic assessments. Starting probably with grades 4-8 where there are content teachers.

7. Reports

a. Principal Report:

- Hosted four colleagues (one high school, 3 elementary schools from network 2) this past month and did a walk through. Came back and colleagues were sharing what they saw, words they used included engaged, real, differentiated, rigorous, teachers probe the students and have students arrive on their own. Asked how do you get them to be like that (the teachers)? It goes to the work and who we look for when we have the opportunity to bring on new staff members.
- The climate in our school is not one that is toxic, a lot of stuff going on in CPS, at a meeting last night a question was asked about why the relationship between teachers and administrators is so toxic? I don't feel that in our environment, even with all that is going on. Throughout it all, we are able to work together and still deliver what we know is right for the kids.
- Held successful LSC forum, election tomorrow as well as P/T conferences. New kinder parent meeting scheduled for May 18, lots of families on the tour this morning. Really promoting early registration week of April 25th, will flyer the neighborhood, park district, etc. In the midst of PARCC testing with dignity. Lots of stories about challenges at other schools.
- Summer camps this summer including Emerald City and BAM (Becoming A Man—works with young men mostly HS playing sports, role models and tutors working with students...will host again this summer), RAS, and Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church mini-camp. Getting ready for Springfield and DC trips for 7 & 8.
- Question: rental fees for camps? Depends on the camp—Emerald City donated items for Big Night, RAS and church pay a %--will confirm? Got quote to replace awning \$8000, got

b. Sub-Committee updates

- i. Communications—Push for kinder registration, nothing else.
- ii. Budget –So far so good.
- iii. CIWP- Teachers worked on it on PD day, looks to be nearing public presentation mode. Need to schedule those dates, probably early May. CPS still figuring out how to implement new system as they roll it out.
- iv. PPLC : April 8 PD day: a few different meetings, STEAM and vertical planning for math in particular to develop a plan for how to do that, math curriculum was also discussed. Mixed opinions on MTB but understanding that budget considerations may limit choices at this time. Challenges with vertical alignment and MTB based on structuring of the content. Did have PD from MTB team that addresses some issues,

v. Principal Evaluation: Received Mrs. Crespo's self-evaluation earlier this month, will meet tonight to do Professional Practice scoring

8. Public Comment: none
9. Old Business: none
10. New Business—Move May LSC meeting to May 17th at 4pm
11. Adjourn executive session: move to adjourn executive session (Jacqueline), second (John), all approved.
12. Re-open meeting to the public for vote on Principal Evaluation: motion to approve the Professional Practice component of the evaluation (Jacqueline), second (John), 7 approved (Jacqueline Gaines, Darian Martyniuk, Greg Foster-Rice, Erica Smith, John Neyer, Josh Kalov, Melissa Rojas,) and 1 abstention (Sean Rabiola)
13. Adjournment: motion to adjourn (Erica), second (Darian), all in favor.