

# Local School Council Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2013, 4-5:30pm  
Waters Elementary, 4540 North Campbell

1. Student performance of Snake & the Turtle, directed by Mr. Leki
2. Meeting called to order: 4:27
3. Roll Call
  - a. Mariuxi Benitez, Bill Baker, Titia Crespo, Greg Foster-Rice, Linda Garcia, Matthew Weinstock, Christine Weldon, Terri Versace
  - b. Absent: Hugo Siguenza, Carla Griffin
4. Approval of Agenda: Foster-Rice motioned, Weinstock seconded. Approved
5. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Weldon motioned. Versace seconded. Approved
6. Announcements/Introduction of Guests
  - a. Public attendees: Nadine Zelle, Regina Cavey, Sean Rabiola, Brandon Orlov, Gema Medina, Guillermo Medina, Jim McIntosh, Jen Kobayashi, Amiee Schnbel, Eileen Palmer, Megan Wade, Colleen Herman
  - b. Ms. Zelle asked for approval for fundraiser for Race Against Hunger. As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum, students are studying different parts of the world. Currently studying Africa. Would be a curriculum based fundraiser. Weldon motioned, Versace seconded. Approved.
  - c. Presentation from Math Faculty: Orlov and Rabiolo presented on math trailblazers, used for kindergarten through second grade. Trailblazers places heavy emphasis on helping the children develop strategies for problem solving. Rabiolo said it is a hands on curriculum and encourages students to work together. Orlov said that more traditional math tools and aids are used to compliment trailblazers.
  - d. Gill and Cavey present on algebra for the upper grades. Gill wanted to focus on what math skills students would need as they advanced to the next grade level. Students are now moving into upper grades more prepared for algebra based on retooled math in earlier grades.
7. Public Comments - none
8. Correspondence - none
9. Reports
  - a. Chairperson
    - 1) LSCAB elections were held last week, no results available yet. LSCAB meetings are set at same time of the Waters LSC. It is possible that the Waters LSC could move the time with next year's schedule.
    - 2) LSC training is now online
  - b. Principal: CPS CEO Barbara Byrd Bennett sent principals a letter saying that if they have capacity, they can accept students from closing schools. Crespo

has been sharing information with the school board about Waters' current utilization. The school had received 500 applications for kindergarten and over 100 for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Everyone is currently wait listed. The budget has not been made available yet. Crespo has been talking to teachers about flex days and the use of professional development days.

c. Committees

- 1) Communications: Versace discussed the website: trying to add an alert system for parents when items are added to the calendar; still finding that BAC parents aren't going to Greennotes so there is still a need to figure out a strategy for Spanish-speaking parents.
- 2) Budget – no report
- 3) CIWP – received updated/corrected report from CPS. Working to get it posted to the website.
- 4) PPLC – no report
- 5) Principal Evaluation
- 6) Weinstock reported on the principal evaluation process. He reported that the LSC commended Principal Crespo for her leadership at Waters. She's built a positive environment where teachers are encouraged to innovate and work in teams. The LSC and Principal Crespo also agreed that there are some areas where there could be improved performance, including Principal Crespo being more visible and accessible to parents and establishing more consistent communications. Overall, Principal Crespo received a score of 29 out of 32 on her evaluation. Weinstock motioned to approve the evaluation, Weldon seconded. Approved.

10. Public Comments (two minutes each) - None

11. Old Business

- a. Brief updates on Fieldhouse Proposal – Foster-Rice said that the architect is looking at zoning changes. There's been no word yet from CPS on school boundary issue since the board was preoccupied with school closings.
- b. Discretionary Funds Approval:
  - 1) Foster-Rice motioned \$200 to make signs for girls soccer network champions. Weldon seconded. Approved
  - 2) Crespo: Delcompo asked for kit for planetary science: \$1,804. Weldon motioned. Weinstock seconded. Approved

12. New Business

- a. Open slot on LSC for 2013-14: Foster-Rice mentioned that Weldon will be leaving the LSC due to temporary relocation. Weldon will stay on the LSC until the day before the day before the June LSC meeting. Commended Weldon for her hard work...ask for applications. Then LSC determines replacement at June 17 meeting. Foster-Rice: "Hereby announce that parent seat will be open. Hereby announce that applications are in the school office. Applications are due by June 10. Everyone who submits an application will be listed on the June agenda and have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the LSC. The LSC will go into closed session and conduct a straw poll. After the closed session, an LSC member will motion to approve

the new member and a vote will be held. The new member would join the LSC immediately.

13. Adjournment: Weinstock motioned. Weldon seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned.