

Local School Council Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2012, 4-5:30pm
Waters Elementary, 4540 North Campbell

1. Call Meeting – Foster-Rice called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.
2. Roll Call
 - a. LSC attendees: Titia Crespo, Greg Foster-Rice, Jacqueline Gaines, Linda Garcia, Carla Griffin, Hugo Siguenza, Terri Versace, Matthew Weinstock, Christine Weldon
 - b. Excused absence: William Baker Mariuxi Benitez
 - c. Public attendees: Colleen Herman, parent and Waters Today president; Erica Lauf, parent; Kristina Lugo, parent
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Garcia asked that student fundraiser request be added to New Business. Foster-Rice motioned, Siguenza seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – Foster-Rice motioned, Gaines seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. Reports
 - a. Chairperson
 - 1) Foster-Rice noted that CPS' office of LSC Relations is holding LSC Advisory Board meetings. Those meetings conflict with the Waters LSC meeting schedule, but Foster-Rice will stay in contact with the board.
 - 2) Foster-Rice reminded council members to complete their training.
 - b. Principal
 - 1) See attachment
 - c. Committees
 - 1) Communications: Versace said that there is still a problem getting consistent Spanish translations for communication materials. Communications committee is working with school administration to set up a phone line where Spanish speakers can access information.
 - 2) Budget: No report; presentation expected in December.
 - 3) CIWP: See attachment
 - 4) PPLC : No report
 - 5) Principal Evaluation: No report
6. Public Comments (two minutes each): No comments
7. Old Business
 - a. Discretionary Funds approval: None
 - b. Office of LSC Relations: Foster-Rice noted that the council needs to determine how to spend \$200 discretionary funds for the LSC to use.
 - c. Versace provided an update on high school boundaries: CPS officials indicated that they are open to switching Amundsen High School's boundary to include the entire Waters boundary, stretching west to Richmond, for the beginning of the fall school year.

- d. Foster-Rice provided an update on the field house proposal. CPS officials met with LSC members and school administration to discuss the proposal. They expressed a willingness to explore the project and move to the next phase.
8. New Business
- a. Garcia said that leadership of the 6-8 grades would like permission to hold fundraisers for decorations and their dance. Weinstock motioned, Versace seconded. Approved unanimously.
9. Executive Session: None
10. Adjournment: Versace motioned, Garcia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:59.

Principal Report
11/19/12
LSC Meeting

School Leadership

Grade level team meetings- collaborating weekly to address student data
Conducted interviews and hired new first grade teacher

Instruction

Conducted rounds with network office 10/25/12
Review weekly lesson plans
Discuss student data to drive differentiated instruction at the grade level meetings
Discuss resources and supplemental instructional materials to further develop curriculum
Classroom Observations

Student Centered Learning Environment

Continue to set high academic standards for students through conferencing with students
Field trips as appropriate to enhance classroom instructional content
Basketball program for 5-8 girls and boys
Chess Club
Art exhibit dia de los Muertos/Hispanic Heritage and celebration of artists
SES

Professional Development and Human Resource Management

Hired appropriate staff to fill vacancies
Found replacement esp to sub in for leave of absence
Include staff on hiring decisions
Continue staff observations in accordance with Board rules, policies and procedures, and collective Bargaining agreements
Breakthrough Coach –PD for Principal and Secretary
NWEA MAP training

Parent and Community Outreach

Encourage teacher/parent communication ie. Green Notes, emails, phone calls, folders and other tools as needed
Continue to work parent volunteer coordinator to assist with parent services for school
Meets with LSC monthly to communicate activities at the school
Meet with BAC monthly
Work with team to discuss “overcrowding” concerns with building
Parent English classes T and Th
Report Card Pick up 94%
Medical Compliance 90%
Thanksgiving Baskets for Waters Families
Hosting North/Northwestside Collaborative 11/20/12

School Management and Daily Operations

Communicate daily with staff to ensure coverage for all classroom needs
Communicate daily with Engineer and Lunchroom manager for all building and food needs including but not limited to cleanliness of the building adequate food supply etc.
Continues to upgrade technology needs and provide support to staff as needed
Budget tied directly to school instructional needs- done yearly
Continues to seek grant opportunities to offset additional cost to school to enhance school programming needs
Submit RFP for Preschool for All

Interpersonal Effectiveness

Meet regularly with teachers, students and parents to resolve concerns
Meet with teachers, parents and community members to discuss new initiatives for school
Continues to encourage teachers and parent communication via phone, email, letters and meetings
Hold meetings to inform teachers, parents and community of new initiatives in the school and district
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