



LSC Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Dr. Rhea Bush

Principal

Kevin Bolden

Parent Representative

Sheila Howard

Staff Representative

Brett Hughes

Parent Representative

Fadi Matalka

Parent Representative

Jackie Matthews

Community Representative

Kori Milroy

Teacher Representative

Rekha Anand

Parent Representative

Nell Strong

Parent Representative

Dr. Katonja Webb Walker

Parent Representative

Dr. Ramel Werner

Teacher Representative

Dr. Stephanie Frawley

Community Representative

Clarke Burnett

Student Representative

I. Call to Order

- A. Dr. Bush called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Present were Principal Dr. Bush, K. Bolden, R. Werner, S. Howard, B. Hughes, K. Webb Walker, K. Milroy, and J.

Matthews

II. Approval of Agenda

- A. R. Werner motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

III. Approval of March 21st Minutes

- A. K. Bolden motioned to approve the March 21st meeting. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

IV. Announcements & Public Communications:

- A. PTO/Forum – No update.
- B. Friends of Skinner West – Amanda Rzepka provided the update. Gallery 111 gala benefiting Skinner arts Education happening this Saturday. Track uniforms have arrived. Third graders will have flower planting celebration. Working on teacher appreciation and ice cream truck for walkathon winners.
- C. West Loop Community News – No update.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Chairperson's Report – B. Hughes provided the update. LSC will have special meeting next Wednesday, April 26 to conduct principal evaluation.
- B. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – K. Milroy provided the update. PPLC met last week. Voted to approve Envision 2024 math curriculum. Envision giving pilot program for several grade levels. Will get all school curriculum subscriptions to end at the same time. Discussed supplemental curriculum for cluster program teachers. Currently have access to Unique Learning but it currently requires a lot of supplemental curriculum to meet all students' different levels.
- C. Special Education – LRE - Special Olympics softball and kickball starting next week. Network 6 Chief highlighted Mr. David Bailey.
- D. School Improvement Committee - K. Webb Walker provided the update. Committee has not met since last LSC meeting.
- E. Facility Services Committee - No update.
- F. Communications Committee - No update.

- G. LSC Advisory - K. Bolden provided the update. New student LSC member Clarke Burnett introduced herself. LSC Advisory Board elections end tomorrow.
- H. Bilingual Advisory Committee - No update.
- I. Advanced Math Committee - Dr. Bush provided the update. Goal of having math curriculum finalized for next school year.
- J. Principal's Report -
 - 1. J. Matthews organized a visit from the State Superintendent of Education. CPS, Network 6, and State Board of Education highlighted the visit.
 - 2. Successful first annual lock-in right before Spring Break with 200+ middle schoolers.
 - 3. May Day Field Day will be led by P.E. teachers. Other events are in May calendar.
 - 4. CIWP principal training in progress.
 - 5. Roster verification beginning.
 - 6. Middle school math team met with CPS math department. Will host curriculum night this spring.
 - 7. Classical school expansion request was denied by the district.
 - 8. Instructional leadership team met with teachers to discuss assessments to be offered next year. Teachers will vote on pk-8 assessment.
 - 9. Bell schedule - soft vote from teachers changed bell schedule to 8:15am - 3:15pm. Official vote through CTU. Network supports it, now transportation department has to try reroute bus schedule. (If bus reroutes cannot happen, then bell schedule change will not be able to happen.)
 - 10. Wrapping up Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing.
 - 11. Zero covid cases.
 - 12. STAR summer programs - STAR committee met yesterday to discuss logistics. Registration flyer will go out to school community this week. Have applied for grant funding to provide free academic enrichment, along with sports and music, to 41 students who are 1-2 grade levels behind.
 - 13. Branch roof project set to begin June 12.
 - 14. School budgets will be released this week. LSC will have emergency budget meeting, then will vote on the budget.
 - 15. Instructional leadership team has been organizing curricular and tech support needs. Will have quotes ready for next LSC meeting.
 - 16. Letter will go out regarding student fees. Parents will receive itemized list.
 - 17. Requests to rent space for summer 2023: CHA & CPD requesting to use three classrooms and lunchroom for mentoring program for at-risk teens for six weeks. Girls Rock Chicago could not end programming at 4 p.m. and so canceled their request.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. Donation of space to youth mentoring program - K. Bolden motioned to donate use of three classrooms and lunchroom for six weeks this summer to CHA & CPD for youth mentoring program. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
- B. PPLC Funding Vote - Tabled until next meeting.
- C. Letter for traffic study - Developers of new building next to the Branch have not responded to outreach.

VII. **New Business**

- A. No new business.

VIII. **Public Comment**

- A. May Toy provided public comment regarding lack of community input on the new building next to the Branch, will be meeting with new 34th Ward Alderman Bill Conway; and natural playground that Neighbors of West Loop got grant funding for, will need parent volunteers to take care of playground, meeting with Park District about resurfacing playground.
 - B. Amanda Rzepka provided public comment regarding holding the developers of the new building next to the Branch accountable to commitments; natural playground that Neighbors of West Loop got grant funding for; and landscaping in front of Skinner.
 - C. K. Milroy provided public comment about parking.
- IX. **Adjournment**
- A. J. Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Matthews
Skinner West LSC Secretary