



LSC Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 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, Assistant Principal Dr. Jeffery Brown, and LSC members K. Bolden, S. Howard, B. Hughes, F. Matalka, J. Matthews, K. Milroy, R. Anand, N. Strong, K. Webb Walker, R. Werner, S. Frawley, K. Milroy, and C. Burnett.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of April 18 Minutes

- A. F. Matalka motioned to approve the March 21st meeting Minutes. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

IV. Announcements & Public Communications:

- A. PTO/Forum – No update.
- B. Friends of Skinner West – Tamara Oliszewicz provided the update. Gallery 111 Gala benefiting Skinner arts education was a success. Have started planning for next year (20th year of the gala). Third grade has started a STEM growing project and will start planting outside in a few weeks. Getting quotes for the gym improvements this summer. Teacher Appreciation Week next week - lunch one day and breakfast another day.
- C. West Loop Community News – F. Matalka provided an update on the day care center opening next to Skinner and related traffic concerns with pick up and drop off schedule that potentially overlaps with Skinner's schedule, particularly with potentially earlier Skinner bell schedule. Day care center will be building a parking lot.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Chairperson's Report – B. Hughes provided the update. June meeting will be his last meeting on the council as his student has graduated the 8th grade and therefore he will no longer have a student at Skinner, so LSC will need to fill his spot on the LSC.
- B. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – K. Milroy provided the update. Still working on budget proposal for restorative justice space.
- C. Special Education-LRE – R. Werner provided the update. Students are on their way to D.C. Special Olympics has started kickball and softball.

- D. School Improvement Committee – K. Webb Walker provided the update. The committee will meet May 16.
- E. Facility Services Committee – No update.
- F. Communications Committee – Lizzie K. provided the update. Gearing up for summer cleanup of website.
- G. LSC Advisory – No update.
- H. Bilingual Advisory Committee – Lilian Morales provided the update. Network 6 EL Specialist visited Skinner in April. Skinner’s English Learner (EL) program has grown 81% since last year - from 69 to 125 EL students. The EL program is in need of additional teaching resources. Dr. Bush hosting curricular needs forum tomorrow to bring instructional needs to LSC at June meeting. Skinner has Transitional Bilingual Education program for Mandarin-speaking students and for Spanish-speaking students. Students speaking languages other than Spanish or Mandarin participate in Transitional Program of Instruction. Dr. Bush: Additionally, this was the first year that all students have had access to world languages. Parents could select either Spanish or Mandarin.
- I. Advanced Math Committee - Dr. Bush provided the update. Next meeting will be May 22.
- J. Principal’s Report -
 - 1. Deputy Chief for Network 6 Stephen Harden, who has a child at Skinner, has passed away. Crisis team ready to support the student.
 - 2. Shoutouts for successful events: Gallery 111 Gala, Ghana Music Day, and Student Voice Committee’s Talent Show
 - 3. Eighth graders headed to D.C. May 3. Sixth graders headed to St. Louis May 8. Fifth graders headed to Springfield June 1.
 - 4. Graduations coming up for kindergarten June 5, 8th grade June 2.
 - 5. School improvement plan: Need to make a decision as an LSC on sibling lottery.
 - 6. Kindergarten enrollment: 30 parents have done early registration.
 - 7. SY 2024 assessment plan results are in: K-2 students will continue to use iReady benchmark assessment at the beginning, middle, and end of the year. 3-5 grade will switch from Star 360 to iReady. 6-8 grade will continue to take Star 360. Students in cluster program will take Student Annual Needs Determination Inventory (SANDI). 4-8 grade will take interim assessments in ELA and Math. Students will take assessments that come with the Envision and Skyline curriculum. Mandatory assessments for selected homerooms or grades, depending on the assessment, include CPS-required REACH Performance Tasks; federally required statewide assessments IAR, ISA, ACCESS, KIDS; and high school admissions and algebra assessments for 8th graders.
 - 8. Bell schedule: In the soft CTU vote, 70% of teachers voted in favor. Network chief approved. Waiting on CPS Transportation Department approval.
 - 9. No covid cases.
 - 10. STAR summer program enrollment began May 1.

VI. Old Business

- A. No old business.

VII. New Business

- A. SY 24 Budget Overview and Approval – Dr. Bush provided a presentation on the SY 24 budget and answered questions from LSC members.

1. Dr. Bush has balanced the budget with no impact to existing staff and no loss of existing homerooms or ancillary positions. Added three new part-time recess monitoring positions.
 - a) A couple teachers are retiring, so those positions can be closed and reopened at lower salaries.
2. Skinner had a total 20th day enrollment of 951. Decrease from 2022 total of 1,091.
3. Deficit of \$204,534.57. Budget decreased from \$6,224,809.01 to \$6,020,274.44.
 - a) Actual fund deficits that Dr. Bush needed to balance: \$317,672; \$65,59, \$12,399, \$10,606.
4. Gained 6.5 centrally funded positions: three paraprofessionals, one cluster teacher, two cluster shared paraprofessionals, and .5 bilingual teacher.
5. Low-income student percentage decreased from 25.31% to 22.88% (285 to 225.2 students), resulting in lower supplemental aid funding allocation.
6. Next year, CPS is funding after school tutoring for EL students.
7. Personnel (103 staff) costs total = \$10,333,936
 - a) From Skinner budget = \$5,437,337
8. Non-personnel costs total = \$48,568
 - a) From Skinner budget = \$23,368
9. Funding needs for SY23 include curricular replenishments (ELA, Math, Science), supplemental resources (i.e., ed tech).
 - a) Student fees will offset curricular costs. Fee information will be shared with families before the end of the year.
 - b) Funding requests will be shared in the June LSC meeting. ILT is organization quotes for all curricular needs.
10. All class sizes range from 22:1 to 27:1.
11. Chromebooks still funded by the district. 151 additional chromebooks coming May 4.

B. F. Matalka motioned to approve the SY24 budget as presented. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed. Dr. Bush abstained.

VIII. Closed Session - Principal Evaluation

A. K. Bolden motioned to approve the principal evaluation score of 3.9 out of 4. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed. Dr. Bush abstained.

B. B. Hughes provided the LSC's feedback to Dr. Bush on strengths and areas of improvement.

IX. Public Comment

A. Amanda Rzepka provided public comment about conditions of landscaping in front of school and adding sibling lottery to next School Improvement Committee meeting agenda.

X. Adjournment

A. J. Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

B. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaclyn Matthews
 Skinner West LSC Secretary