

Mark T. Skinner Local School Council Meeting Minutes November 17, 2015

The November 17, 2015, meeting of Mark T. Skinner West Local School Council was called to order at 6:47 PM by Mr. McMurray. Present were LSC members Mrs. Clark, Mr. Chacon, Mr. Flowers, Ms. Hobson, Ms. Howard, Ms. Majca, Mr. Matalka, Mr. McMurray, Ms. McSpadden, Ms. Strong and Mr. Werner.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve, by Mr. Flowers. This was seconded by Mrs. Hobson and approved.

The minutes for the October 2015 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Matalka moved that the October 2015 minutes be approved. This was seconded by Ms. Hobson and approved.

Forum - Ms. Majca reported briefly on the November 2015 meeting

Friends of Skinner West - Fix promethean boards that are broken, purchasing a copy machine for the second floor, looking into hiring an IT Contractor to assist with IT equipment, holiday gift giving program.

West Loop Community news - December 5th, annual tree lighting ceremony, menorah lighting on Wed. 12/9. Chicago Children's Theater having a ground breaking ceremony with Mayor on Saturday 12/12 and Ceremony @ Skinner.

Chairman Report – N/A

Principal Report – please see attached.

Other committees then offered their reports:

PPLC— Ms. McSpadden briefed about professional development with promethean boards; Program on Friday 11/20 with Illinois School Board Administrators; personal learning; IXL, Achieve 3000; teacher handbook in progress; December observations for upper grade; NWEA Fall analysis.

LRE/Special Education— Went to United Center for Special Olympic physicals.

School Improvement— Yearbook sales; Illinois board visit on Friday; elimination of sibling lottery impacts program; CPS budget template letter; proposal for foreign language.

Facility Services— Modest but noticeable improvement in cleanliness; dark outside - walkway - light fixtures are broke - work order submitted, still needs approval by CPS; space issue - seek a meeting with Alderman Burnett.

Communications— Helped compile letter

Bilingual - Dawali celebration went great; next meeting Thursday 12/19 @ 9a

LSC Advisory Board— N/A

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Old Business – LSC Community Vacancy

Mr. Werner motioned to vote Mr. Tom Kim to the LSC to fill the Community Rep LSC position. This was seconded by Mr. Chacon and passed.

New Business -

Budget Expenditure:

Mr. Flowers motioned to approve Mrs. Clark's budget expenditure request, combine funds for full time Mandarin teacher and offer Mandarin instead of Spanish to Neighborhood students.

This was seconded by Mr. Werner and passed.

Mr. Matalka opposed and Ms. Majca and Ms. Strong abstained.

At 9:12 pm Mr. Werner motioned to adjourn the November 17, 2015, meeting of the Mark T. Skinner Local School Council. This was seconded by Ms. Hobson and approved.

Skinner's next LSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Majca
Secretary, Skinner LSC

Attached—
Principal's Report