



LSC Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 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

Parent Representative

Dr. Ramel Werner

Teacher Representative

Vacant

Community Representative

I. Call to Order

- A. B. Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- B. Present were Principal Dr. Bush, K. Bolden, S. Howard, B. Hughes, F. Matalka, J. Matthews, K. Milroy, N. Strong, K. Webb Walker, and R. Werner

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of January 24th Minutes

- A. K. Milroy motioned to approve the Jan. 24th meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

IV. Announcements & Public Communications:

- A. PTO/Forum – N. Strong provided the update that there has not been a meeting.
- B. Friends of Skinner West - No update.
- C. West Loop Community News – No update.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Chairperson's Report – B. Hughes provided the update. State of emergency due to pandemic lifts May 11, so all LSC meetings will be held in person starting in May. LSC discussed changing the date of the May meeting to May 2. Vote will be added to the next meeting. B. Hughes encouraged everyone to vote in the LSC Advisory election. A recording of the candidate forum is available on the website. Elections were held for the LSC student member. Term for student representative Clarke Burnett will start July 1.
- B. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – K. Milroy provided the update. PPLC met Feb. 21 and discussed increasing enrollment at Skinner, walking math, and single subject/whole grade acceleration. PPLC conducted a survey math curriculum and will share the results at the next PPLC meeting. Mr. Lomax attended the PPLC meeting to share about restorative justice program. A list will be shared at the next meeting of items needed for the restorative justice classroom. PPLC also discussed math curriculum for 2024-25 school year, as some subscriptions will be running out. Current curriculum is Envision. Math selection committee that will vet and select new curriculum by 2024. Middle school science is also being discussed. Next PPLC meeting will be March 14.

- C. Special Education – LRE - R. Werner provided the update. The committee met Feb. 28. Special Olympics Chicago spring games will be held May 8. Athletes are bowling this month to prepare for the games.
- D. School Improvement Committee - K. Webb Walker provided the update. The committee has not met since the last LSC meeting. Next meeting is March 13.
- E. Facility Services Committee - No update.
- F. Bilingual Advisory Committee - L. Morales provided the update regarding the two types of bilingual education programs at Skinner: Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) and Transitional Program of Instruction (TPI). Both programs aim to support language acquisition while providing English Learners access to core content instruction. Skinner as 123 ELs: 48 in TBE and 75 in TPI. Skinner ELs speak 25 different languages with the most common being Spanish and Mandarin. Skinner has six ESL endorsed teachers and two bilingual endorsed teachers. Skinner is pushing to have more staff become ESL endorsed. Tutoring started beginning of February. Just concluded ACCESS testing. Will send notification letters to parents of program placement in students' home languages.
- G. Communications Committee - No update.
- H. LSC Advisory - K. Bolden provided the update. Required trainings for LSC members are all available on the website. CPS is also providing a review of the accountability policy.
- I. Advanced Math Committee - Sue Bae provided the update. The committee is getting ready to meet with Dr. Bush March 6 at 4 p.m. in person at Skinner West.
- J. Principal's Report -
 - 1. Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 29. CPS has finalized the calendar for next school year. Skinner staff are planning summer programming.
 - 2. One teaching assistant retired. The vacancy has been filled. Skinner does still have a temporary SECA vacancy.
 - a) K. Milroy acknowledged the retirement and the many years of service and impact she had in so many ways.
 - 3. Students applied for single subject acceleration, and the review has been completed for each student. Scores have been submitted to CPS. When Skinner will reach out to parents when CPS sends final notices.
 - 4. No news yet from CPS on the classical program expansion. Skinner has 72 applicants for the sibling lottery, plus one late applicant. Dr. Bush will have more information for next LSC meeting.
 - 5. Office of Student Protection Training is occurring. Training aims to protect students from grooming, predators, etc. Notices are going out to families, and families can opt their student out.
 - 6. Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) will take place March 6 - April 13. Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is coming up for 5th and 8th graders March 20 - April 28.
 - 7. Dr. Bush provided an overview of iReady and Star 360 results from beginning of year to middle of year assessment. For students that need intervention, Skinner will provide instructional coaches during the school day, as well as extended day before and afterschool supports through the Multi Tier System of Supports (MTSS).
 - 8. No covid cases.
 - 9. More information about summer programs will be communicated at the next meeting.

10. Roof project for the branch is moving forward and full roof repair expected to begin June 12, so access will not be available to the brand from June 12 through start of school.
11. Budget - Last month, LSC voted to approve renting space to Girls Rock Chicago three days a week for six weeks at \$3,000 a week. Girls Rock's schedule changed, so now they are looking to use Skinner for two weeks M-F at \$5,500 per week, plus a \$1,000 stipend to pay security staff to be present for two weekends for loading and unloading equipment.
12. Indoor Hoops is a community pick-up basketball group interested in renting space two nights per week 7-9 p.m. yearround. They charge members \$12. Skinner would need staff on site. Mr. Lomax could be available for a stipend of \$500 a week (\$250 per day).
13. Budget transfer request: IXL contract for reading, math, science, and social studies runs February to February. Teachers use it to assign specific skills to specific students. Costs \$18,439.04. Parking lot income could be used to pay for IXL.
 - a) K. Milroy asked if it's possible to add more licenses for 2nd and 3rd grade students. Dr. Bush said she will communicate the number of licenses that are needed to the vendor.
 - b) R. Anand said as a parent she likes IXL. Some students are having trouble using Chromebooks and logging in and seeing their assignments, etc.
14. Budget transfer request: CPS pays for base plan for iReady from March to March. Renewal of subscription costs \$26,000. Blue Cross Blue Shield account roughly \$16,000 and building lease income account of roughly \$12,000 can be used.
15. Student dance was amazing. So many students attended. Shoutout to the Student Council for organizing. The Student Council is now proposing a lock-in for students March 31, the Friday before spring break.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. Community Representative Vacancy - B. Hughes provided the update. LSC has not received any applications. LSC members will publicize the flyer.

VII. **New Business**

- A. PPLC Funding Vote – Tabled until next meeting.
- B. Budget Transfer Requests –
 1. K. Bolden motioned to transfer 18,439.04 to the budget line for ed tech to renew IXL from Feb. 23 to Feb 24. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
 2. N. Strong motioned to transfer from internal accounts numbers 28105 and 21310 for a total of \$26,000 to renew iReady March 2023 to March 2024 for K-8 reading and math.

VIII. **Public Comment**

- A. Zhu-Song Mei provided public comment on utilizing interim assessment data.

IX. **Adjournment**

- A. F. Matalka motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaclyn Matthews
 Skinner West LSC Secretary