



LSC Meeting Tuesday, March 21, 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. Dr. Bush called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
- B. Present were Principal Dr. Bush, K. Bolden, S. Howard, B. Hughes, J. Matthews, F. Matalka, R. Anand, and K. Milroy.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of February 28th Minutes

- A. K. Milroy motioned to approve the Feb. 28th meeting Minutes with amendment to fix typo in item III. Motion was seconded. 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. Tickets for Gallery 111 gala benefiting Skinner arts education will be live. Looking for donations (tickets, experiences, gift baskets, etc.) for silent auction. Upcoming fundraisers: Chipotle, Kendra Scott & Uncommon James shopping events to fund sports program and uniforms. Purchasing track uniforms. Working with third grade teachers on learning garden. Will be redoing the gymnasium - redo floors, improve sound, and update branding.
 - 1. K. Milroy thanked Friends of Skinner West for asking teachers for wish list items and requested 8.5x11" copy paper. Parents may also be able to donate copy paper.
- C. West Loop Community News – J. Matthews: New alderman for the ward Bill Conway. R. Anand: New building next to the branch would block sunlight. K. Milroy: asked for any updates about the 4 a.m. bar that was proposed next to the Branch. That development is not moving forward.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Chairperson's Report – B. Hughes provided the update. At next meeting, LSC will conduct principal evaluation during closed session.
- B. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – K. Milroy provided the update. PPLC met last week. Went through teacher surveys about math and reading curriculum. Results indicated might need supplementation

for English Learners and will collaborate with Ms. Morales. Will also send results to math curriculum selection committee.

- C. Special Education – LRE - No update.
- D. School Improvement Committee - Amanda Rzepka provided the update. Met and discussed sibling lottery and CIWP.
- E. Facility Services Committee - F. Matalka provided the update. No meeting. Neighbors of West Loop met with developer requested to contact Skinner about contributing to improvements to playground.
- F. Communications Committee - Dr. Bush provided the update. No meeting yet.
- G. LSC Advisory - No update.
- H. Bilingual Advisory Committee - No update.
- I. Advanced Math Committee - Sue Bae provided the update. Walking math will continue for grades 3-5. Differentiated instruction for K-2. Grades 6-8 will have departmentalized classes. Reviewed data from Jan. LSC meeting in more detail. Next meeting on May 22. Dr. Bush: Middle school math teachers will meet with CPS math department to develop long-term plan for math.
- J. Principal's Report -
 - 1. 6-8 grade lock-in 4-10 p.m. March 31. CPD will have a car circulating for extra security presence. Seeking parent volunteers.
 - 2. PTCs 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. March 29. Virtual or in-person.
 - 3. CPS has approved and posted 2023-24 school year calendar.
 - 4. Administrators at Skinner have enrolled in CPS training for CIWP.
 - 5. Uptick with student misconduct and reports of bullying. Skinner takes all allegations seriously. Dr. Brown leads bullying investigations. Letter goes to parents. All parties are investigated. Supports are in place for both victim and aggressor if bullying is found. Admins participated in an additional bullying investigation training to ensure adherence to protocol.
 - 6. Presentation of current enrollment by homeroom. Total enrollment K-8 is 985. Total 72 applicants for sibling lottery requests with 29 requests for kindergarten. Seven applicants have a sibling in either prek or 8th, which means their sibling will not be/is not guaranteed to be at Skinner next year. Skinner will host kindergarten registration for neighborhood program this May to get early idea of kindergarten enrollment for next year.
 - 7. Assessment plan for next school year will be shared at next LSC meeting. Shoutout to teachers administering IAR ongoing. ISA will begin after spring break. Data breakdown of classical/neighborhood will be ready by state of the school address or curriculum night.
 - 8. No covid cases.
 - 9. STAR summer program will occur. Surveying teachers on who would like to work STAR. Recruiting outside sports coaches. Tentatively looking at June 26 - July 28.
 - 10. Branch access will be closed for the summer for roof repairs.
 - 11. New request for space to be donated to CPD and Chicago Housing Authority youth mentoring program for ~20 at-risk youth for six weeks in the summer. Will vote on this at the next LSC meeting. Girls Rock is reviewing the rent proposal. Indoor Hoops has not responded to proposal for \$500/week.

VI. **Old Business**

- A. Community Representative Vacancy - Welcomed Dr. Stephanie Frawley as the new Community Representative.
- B. PPLC Funding Vote - Tabled until next LSC meeting.

- C. Vote to change date of May LSC meeting - F. Matalaka motioned to move the May meeting from May 16 to May 2. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. New auditorium for Skinner - Amanda Rzepka provided update: Discussions have happened with CPS to build out fourth floor gym and convert current gym space to auditorium, but CPS has said the soonest it might happen is in five years, so Friends of Skinner West is going to move forward with rehabbing the current gym.
- VIII. **Public Comment**
 - A. Bhalla provided public comment on potential impact of new development/construction on enrollment.
 - B. Tamara Oliszewicz provided public comment on availability to do school tours for potential families.
 - C. Diana Giese provided public comment on timing of school tours.
 - D. Lindsey Howard provided public comment on the 28-story development planned for next to Skinner branch that would impact sunlight access on the playground.
 - E. Amanda Rzepka provided public comment asking for CPS landscapers to work on front of Skinner.
- IX. **Adjournment**
 - A. J. Matthews motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Matthews
Skinner West LSC Secretary