



Dr. Rhea Bush
Principal

Dr. Jeffrey Brown
Assistant Principal

Sheila Howard
Staff Representative

Kori Milroy
Teacher Representative

Ramel Werner
Teacher Representative

Kevin Bolden
Parent Representative

Brett Hughes
Parent Representative

Fadi Matalaka
Parent Representative

Nell Strong
Parent Representative

Katonja Webb-Walker
Parent Representative

Vacant
Parent Representative

Jaclyn Matthews
Community Representative

Marla Sedler
Community Representative

Skinner West Local School Council Virtual Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- a. B. Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- b. Present were Principal Dr. Bush and LSC members S. Howard, R. Werner, K. Bolden, B. Hughes, F. Matalaka, K. Milroy, N. Strong, K. Webb-Walker, M. Sedler, and J. Matthews. Quorum was met.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of July 6th and August 24th Minutes

- a. K. Milroy motioned to approve the July 6th and August 14th meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

IV. Confirmation of Committee Chairs

- a. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC): M. Sedler nominated R. Werner and K. Milroy to co-chair. They accepted. There were no further nominations.
- b. Special Education - LRE: N. Strong nominated R. Werner to chair. He accepted. There were no further nominations.
- c. School Improvement Committee: N. Strong nominated K. Webb-Walker to chair. She accepted. There were no further nominations.
- d. Facility Services Committee: B. Hughes nominated F. Matalaka to chair. He accepted. There were no further nominations.
- e. Communications Committee: M. Sedler nominated non-LSC member Lizzy Kostielney to chair. She accepted. There were no further nominations.
- f. LSC Advisory: K. Bolden nominated himself to chair. There were no further nominations.
- g. Bilingual Advisory Committee: After discussion, the Bilingual Advisory Committee chair nomination was tabled until last year's chairs could be present at the meeting.
- h. Expansion Committee: After discussion, the Expansion Committee was eliminated. Any outstanding agenda items from last year's Expansion Committee meetings will be addressed in the School Improvement Committee.

V. Announcements & Public Communications:

- a. PTO/Forum: No announcement
- b. Friends of Skinner West: Laurie Mullick provided an update and requested LSC approval for fundraisers for the year: walk-a-thon, four restaurant dining days, school spirit store, winter giving drive, Amazon

smile, and a new spring gala with proceeds to go to the art program. Members discussed the need for new Promethean boards and how both Friends of Skinner West and the school budget could contribute to purchasing new boards. B. Hughes will call a special meeting for Oct. 4 in order to approve funds for purchasing new Promethean boards. K. Bolden motioned to approve the fundraisers. Properly seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

- c. West Loop Community News:
 1. Katalin Rodriguez-Ogren from POWGymChicago presented about Jump for Vets: <https://ragsofhonor.org/the-jump> on Oct. 30 at the United Center The event raises funds to pay for Stellate Ganglion Block outpatient procedures for veterans to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, as the treatment costs \$1,800 and is not covered by insurance.
 2. M. Sedler provided an update on upcoming events in the West Loop Community.
 3. J. Matthews provided information on nominating Skinner West teachers and staff for Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year awards (<https://www.isbe.net/elevatingeducators>) and sharing the opportunity with high school girls to apply for the Illinois Council on Women and Girls' Girls Committee (<https://isbe.submittable.com/submit/236836/2022-illinois-council-on-women-and-girls-girls-committee-application>).
 4. Mai Toy provided an update about National Public Lands Day.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Principal's Report: Dr. Bush provided an update, including: required LSC member training; 8th grade graduation; personnel updates; progress report pick up for parents on Thursday where parents will receive Beginning of Year assessment results (iReady for K-2 and Star 360 for 3-8), as well as 5th grade students' Illinois Science Assessment scores from last year; hosting a second parent meeting regarding walking math on Sept. 28; walking math will resume this year in the same format that it was provided in spring of last year; an update will go out to parents on Thursday; Sue Bae will lead Math Parent Committee for SY 2024 math program; COVID updates; conclusion of GoCPS selective enrollment app period; a meeting with West Loop Community Garden/CPD/Skinner Park to take a restorative approach to vandalism and teach all students to be responsible community members; enrollment student-based budgeting update; and update on two donations received.
- b. Chairperson's Report: B. Hughes announced that the LSC will cover the parent representative vacancy at its October meeting and addressed the tone and tenor of feedback at the walking math parent meeting.

VII. Old Business

- a. There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

- a. Approval of Expenditures/Requests: Dr. Bush presented the expenditure requests listed below. K. Bolden motioned to approve the total of \$52,732.66 in expenditures. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
 1. \$20K for walking math books
 2. \$6K for culturally relevant, high-interest books for library
 3. \$6,100 for Mystery Science class kits
 4. \$2,800 purchase Flocabulary Ed Tech program for K-8 students
 5. \$1,414.68 clear internal account negative for Springfield field trip (went over on bussing)
 6. \$167 clear internal account negative for election judge meals
 7. \$1,417.98 clear internal account negative for McGraw Hill invoice
 8. \$2,170 clear internal account balance for Mind Over Matter basketball shirts
 9. \$4725 7th grade science SEPUP materials
 10. \$2500 classroom rug requests for 5th grade classrooms
 11. \$3500 past due invoice for debate team
 12. \$1,938 IXL science ed tech subscription

13. Redefine bucket #564064 to change from sub bucket to teacher bucket
14. Revisit Promethean boards

IX. Public Comment

- a. Sue Bae provided comment regarding walking math.
- b. Anna McGowan provided comment regarding differentiated instruction and walking math.
- c. Jianwei Xie provided comment regarding walking math.
- d. Lindsay Mueller provided comment regarding walking math.
- e. Amanda Rzepka provided comment regarding communications, garden program, and walking math.
- f. Avi Dagaria provided comment regarding walking math.
- g. Shayne Wulbert provided comment regarding walking math.
- h. Kelly Arwine provided comment regarding walking math.
- i. Zainab Jawaid Syed provided comment regarding walking math.
- j. BZ provided comment regarding walking math.
- k. Zhu-Song Mei provided comment regarding walking math.
- l. Dylan Han provided comment regarding walking math.
- m. Yara Haddad provided comment regarding walking math.
- n. GP Ramaswamy provided comment regarding walking math.
- o. Shivani Bhatt provided comment regarding walking math and communications.
- p. Jing Jing Wan provided comment regarding walking math.
- q. Nancy Bian provided comment regarding walking math.
- r. Mario Vendramineto provided comment regarding communications and the frequency of subjects taught in the classical program.

X. Adjournment

- a. R. Werner motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Matthews
Skinner West LSC Secretary