



LSC Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

Marla Sedler

Community Representative

Nell Strong

Parent Representative

Dr. Katonja Webb

Parent Representative

Dr. Ramel Werner

Teacher Representative

1) Call to Order

a) B. Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2) Approval of Agenda

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

3) Approval of October 18th Minutes

a) K. Milroy motioned to approve the Oct. 18 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

4) Announcements & Public Communications:

a) PTO/Forum - N. Strong provided the update. The PTO has not held a meeting yet.

b) Friends of Skinner West - Diana Giese provided the update. Friends of Skinner West will hold the gala at Gallery 111 at a to be determined date likely in March. They are working on purchasing basketball uniforms and potentially also cheerleading uniforms. The spirit store with Skinner West gear has been sent to Dr. Bush for approval.

c) West Loop Community News - Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year nominations Nov. 18: <https://www.isbe.net/thosewhoexcel>

5) Committee Reports

a) Chairperson's Report – Community Representative M. Sedler has resigned from the Local School Council.

b) Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – The PPLC has not held a new meeting. At the last meeting, the PPLC discussed surveying teachers about walking math. The survey was conducted and the results were shared with Dr. Bush. A parent math meeting was held Nov. 14. Yara Haddad summarized the results of teacher survey.

c) Special Education - LRE: R. Werner was not present at the start of the meeting to provide an update.

d) School Improvement Committee - K. Webb-Walker provided the update. The committee met Nov. 10 virtually and will meet in-person with a virtual option going forward. CPS is moving toward a new Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP). The new plan will be developed by the committee. Dr. Bush will walk the committee through progress at the next committee meeting. The committee discussed indoor recess during inclement weather to kickoff Dec. 5. Substantial improvement has been made in the Spanish curriculum. The committee discussed declining enrollment and how to increase enrollment. This item will be placed on the next committee meeting agenda for further discussion. The committee discussed the bell schedule and a poll will be sent to parents to get their thoughts on possible changes.

e) Facility Services Committee - F. Matalka provided the update. The committee has not held a meeting.

f) Communications Committee – The committee has not held a new meeting. Lizzie K. requested that when the spirit store is up and running and when committees

- g) have committee meetings to send that information to skinnerwest@gmail.com to update website and newsletter.
- h) LSC Advisory - K. Bolden provided the update. The committee met Nov. 14. CPS' school resource officer program was discussed. CPS will send information out soon for public comment on the redesign of the district's School Quality Rating Policy to go into effect for the 2023-24 school year. An on-demand, self-paced option for the trainings for required LSC member trainings is coming soon. The December deadline to have trainings completed is coming up. All members, not just the FOIA officer, must take the Open Meetings Act training. LSC members also need to get fingerprinting done as soon as possible. Student LSC members are now allowed for the elementary level. The student's one-year term would start July 1, 2023.
- i) Bilingual Advisory Committee - Dr. Bush indicated that she would address this committee in her report.
- j) Advanced Math Committee - Sue Bae provided the update. Walking math for grades 3-5 has been going well. Walking math for grades K-2 will not resume. All textbooks for grades K-2 have arrived. A parent meeting was held Nov. 14 with three teachers in attendance as well. The committee will meet with Dr. Bush in a closed meeting soon.
- k) Principal's Report –
 - i) Parent Teacher Conferences start Nov. 21.
 - ii) Dr. Bush will give the State of the School address Nov. 21 after Parent Teacher Conferences conclude.
 - iii) The November and December calendar of events is in the LSC folder.
 - iv) Regarding the Bilingual Advisory Committee, Skinner West is actively recruiting to fill the vacancy for the English Learner program teacher. This person normally chairs the committee.
 - v) The school is implementing the inclement weather recess plan. Some students will go to the computer lab, others to the multipurpose room, and other groups will conduct science experiments. Dr. Bush is currently negotiating with Mad Science.
 - vi) Regarding the proposed bell schedule change, Chicago Teachers Union members vote on bell schedules. CPS transportation was not able to honor the plan previously. Most teachers voted for a bell schedule of 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., then 8 a.m. received the next most votes, followed by 8:45 a.m. Parents will be surveyed. An earlier start to the day would result in the Star program ending at 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.
 - vii) The deadline for the CPS accelerated placement application is Dec. 2.
 - viii) Completion of the self-paced LSC member trainings taken by LSC members will only be reflected on the LSC dashboard at the end of the month.
 - ix) Skinner West has no COVID cases.
 - x) School enrollment is currently 991. The goal is to increase enrollment to 1005.
 - xi) Internal audit reports will be shared in December. One note is that Skinner West needs to complete the fundraiser form for fundraisers.
 - xii) Regarding the smart board renovation project. The total cost is \$174,191. Friends of Skinner West is contributing. The project will be completed by the end of the school year.

6) Old Business

- a) West Loop Soccer Club Rental - Dr. Bush is waiting to hear back from the vendor whether they are still interested in the space if they cannot be in the gym before 6:30 p.m.

7) New Business

- a) Vacancies - B. Hughes will initiate posting community representative position.
- b) LSC Parent Candidate Verbal Statements
 - i) Christina Dent provided statement.
 - ii) Rekha Anand provided statement.
 - iii) AK Killingsworth not present to provide statement.
- c) Closed Session to Vote on Parent Representative - Rekha Anand selected as Parent Representative.

8) Public Comment

- a) Zhu-Song Mei provided comment on walking math and science class.
- b) Zainab Syed provided comment thanking Mr. Roman for his leadership with sports.
- c) Tiffany Bolden provided comment on the STEM lab.

- d) Kate Nolan provided comment on temperature threshold for outdoor recess.
- e) Jessica Chang provided comment on length of lunch time.
- f) Yayuan Ren provided comment on second grade math textbooks.

9) Adjournment

- a) K. Bolden motioned to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Matthews

Skinner West LSC Secretary