



LSC Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 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

Rekha Anand

Parent Representative

Nell Strong

Parent Representative

Dr. Katonja Webb

Parent Representative

Dr. Ramel Werner

Teacher Representative

Vacant

Community Representative

1) Call to Order

a) B. Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 November 15th Minutes

a) K. Bolden 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 announced that there has not been a meeting yet.

b) Friends of Skinner West – Laurie M. provided the update. Friends of Skinner West has purchased the basketball uniforms and they will arrive next week. Lou Malnati's fundraiser raised about \$350 for sports. Holiday giving drive is collecting toys. Planning Gallery One Eleven art fundraiser. Jeni's fundraiser raised \$500.

c) West Loop Community News – No update.

5) Committee Reports

a) Chairperson's Report – No update.

b) Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC) – K. Milroy provided the update. PPLC met Dec. 13 and voted to advise the LSC to explore the following paths to increase enrollment next year, understanding that the district has final say over the path forward: 1) enhance the neighborhood curriculum by offering geometry for advanced students (all students already take Algebra), 2) host a kindergarten only open house and tour of the branch, 3) add second classical kindergarten 4) open sibling lottery. PPLC also discussed the math curriculum for next year and will be meeting with instructional leadership team members to delegate responsibilities of vetting math curriculum. Questions for Dr. Bush about supply orders. Dr. Bush responded that the LSC did approve fund expenditures in October but one of the vendors is not a registered vendor with CPS and therefore cannot be paid but Mrs. Campbell is working on it.

c) Special Education – LRE: R. Werner provided the update on Special Olympics. There is a different sport each month. Soccer will take place in January at the Chicago indoor sports facility.

d) School Improvement Committee – Dr. Bush announced that the next meeting will be held Jan. 23 and will be in-person and open to the community.

e) Facility Services Committee – A meeting will be planned for the start of the 2023. Dr. Bush indicated that she would address the roof in her report.

f) Communications Committee – Lizzie K. provided an update via email asking that updates be sent to her to include in the newsletter.

g) LSC Advisory – K. Bolden provided the update. Next meeting will be held Jan. 10. CPS has started sending out certificates to LSC members for trainings that have been completed. He reminded LSC members to complete their required trainings and get fingerprinting done.

- h) Bilingual Advisory Committee – Dr. Bush indicated that she would address this committee in her report.
- i) Advanced Math Committee – The next meeting will be held Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. It will be a closed meeting for committee members only.
- j) Principal's Report
 - i) Dr. Bush welcomed new Community Representative LSC member Rekha Anand.
 - ii) Winter break will be held Dec. 23 – Jan. 6.
 - iii) Skinner has re-hired former Skinner Spanish teacher Lillian Morales as the new English Learner Program Teacher (ELPT), who will get the Bilingual Advisory Committee up and running and will be doing ACCESS testing for all English Learners in January.
 - iv) Dr. Bush provided an update on the bell schedule. CPS Board policy stipulates that CTU members determine the bell schedule. CTU staff members voted to change the bell schedule 8:15-3:15. Skinner did survey parents, and 287 responded with 57% opposed, however per CPS policy, this change will go into effect next year if CPS has the transportation available to accommodate.
 - v) Current enrollment sits at 991. Skinner has a goal of recruiting 100 additional students. LSC members discussed various recruitment options, including added classical and neighborhood classrooms, and discussed next steps for getting CPS approval to move forward. LSC will add an item to the next LSC meeting agenda to approve a recruitment proposal.
 - vi) Zero Covid cases.
 - vii) Chief of Schools, Deputy Chief of Schools, and other network leaders toured Skinner on the Network 6 Rigor Walk and provided a lot of positive feedback to Skinner teachers and staff.
 - viii) Dr. Bush and Mr. Tobin met with CPS Facilities. The roof project will go out to bid in March. A full roof replacement will be completed in the summer.
 - ix) Deep cleaning will occur over the winter break, therefore building will be closed.
 - x) Dr. Bush requested to use \$48,073.14 leftover from STAR program (due to two vendors not being able to get vendor certification from CPS, and Skinner receiving grant funds), \$1,194.35 leftover from reading workbooks, and \$813.59 leftover from Smart Board project to pay for professional development for teachers over the summer. Funds do not roll over to the next year.
 - xi) Dr. Bush requested to use \$4,997.54 from internal accounts for P.E. supplies.
- 6) Old Business**
 - a) No old business.
- 7) New Business**
 - a) B. Hughes motioned to use \$50,080.98 leftover from STAR program, reading workbooks, and Smart Board project for teacher professional development. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with one opposed. J. Matthews voted no. J. Matthews commented that she supports professional development for teachers but due to impacts of the pandemic, would prefer to see the funds spent on academic interventions during this school year for students not meeting grade level standards.
 - b) K. Bolden motioned to use \$4,997.54 from internal accounts for P.E. supplies. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.
 - c) Community Representative Vacancy – B. Hughes will post the vacancy, then there will be a forum and vote as there was for the recent Parent Representative vacancy.
 - d) Student Representative Vacancy – Candidate period starts Jan. 23 – Feb. 3.
- 8) Public Comment**
 - a) Shayne Wulbert provided comment on a proposal in the community for a 4 a.m. nightclub to be located at 1025 W. Jackson within 200 feet of the Skinner West Branch.
 - b) Erica Fouser provided comment on the bell schedule and adding spots to the STAR program.
- 9) Adjournment**
 - a) R. Werner motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded. Voice vote: passed with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaclyn Matthews
 Skinner West LSC Secretary