

Jean Baptiste Beaubien School
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015

Call to order and pledge

Meeting was called to order by David Gee at 6:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present David Gee, Michelle Ludford, Paula Barnhart, Carmen Correa, Norma Castrejon, Kathy Keenan-Renkosiak, Sherri Siewerski, Amy Serafin, Kim Sineni, Deb Solka

Absent Keeley Sorokti

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting was made by Paula Barnhart and seconded by Kathy Keenan-Renkosiak. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting was made by Michelle Ludford and seconded by Deb Solka. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

- **Enrollment** is at 1119 with Pre-K; 1079 without Pre-K
 - On Monday, September 21, the final enrollment was counted, and Beaubien was down by 7 students.
 - 7 students x \$4697.00 = \$32,879.00 (lost from the budget, based on enrollment)
 - Total loss is actually closer to \$75,000 with other encumbrances
 - The Office of Diverse Learners also evaluated enrollment and made changes to staffing: we will lose the funding for 1.5 teachers but gained 5 paraprofessionals.
 - Two paraprofessionals are currently being paid from other funds but will be moved to the ODL budget, saving money overall.
- **Building**
 - Armark has increased .5 position. (There is one board/CPS custodian as well as 3 Aramark.) This increase should ensure that building needs are met.
 - Prairie Garden Revitalization: currently gathering quotes to address the needs of the garden. Plants need to be cleared/replaced.
 - Calibrating of Clocks: clocks are inconsistent building-wide and need to be calibrated. Two proposals were presented to address this issue. Calibrating building-wide will run \$9,998, but a more limited calibration (hallways, primarily) would cost \$4,000.
- **School Assessments**
 - NWEA testing took place in September and has come to an end.
 - SQRP, the assessment used to formally rate schools, hasn't been released yet.
- **After School Programs**
 - Right at School is running well.
 - Beaubien programs will start at the end of the month, and they anticipate over 200 students in academic clubs and another 100+ in sports.
- **Professional Development**
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- Right at School – Lunch/Recess Procedures: there was a complaint made to network offices regarding recess procedures. To address concerns, the new plan is to have children move from classrooms into hallways when temperatures drop outside or when there is rain. Children will be expected to work on their indoor voices. When hallways are wet with winter snow, the children will move back to classrooms.

• **Budget Transfers**

- Calibration of Clocks
- Moving of funds to address Office of Diverse Learners directive to change staffing

Reports

1. **PTO**

- a. Trinity Pub fundraiser Friday, October 16 - \$20 admission, all you can drink, \$10 given back to PTO.

2. **Communications**

- a. Jenny Conlon (Parent) continues to effectively manage the PTO Facebook page.

3. **Diverse Learners** – nothing to report

4. **BAC**

- a. New executive board elected.

5. **PPLC**

- a. Currently forming group and deciding how large they group will be, based on interest.

6. **Community Outreach**

- a. Alderman Arena met with ward principals at Beaubien on Thursday, October 8. The meeting was productive and the Alderman hoped for the group to function as a think tank for what's going on in local schools.

7. **Treasurer's**

- a. Paula Barnhart turned in the Treasurer's report and the Chase bank statement is balanced.

New Business

1. **Budget Transfers**

- a. A motion to approve the funds for a full building calibration of clocks, including batteries and 5 years of maintenance, was made by David Gee and seconded by Kathy Keenan Renkosiak. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- b. A motion to approve the closing of funds for 1.5 teaching positions (currently in line 115) and to open funds in line 225 was made by David Gee. The change bears a net impact of roughly \$71,000 to address the shift in staffing that came down from the Office of Diverse Learners. The motion was seconded by Amy Serafin. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

2. **Fundraising Approval**

a. PTO

- i. Parent/Child Harvest Dance and photo booth forms were signed by David Gee. Saturday, November 3, 2015 is the date of the event, and photos will be \$1 each, with proceeds to be used for the 8th grade field trips. PTO Membership - \$5000 in membership fees expected
- ii. Community Fundraiser Card to benefit the 8th grade Washington DC field trip. The \$20 cards carry year-long discounts for various local retailers and restaurants. Participation in the fundraiser is optional and all sales benefit the student doing the fundraising.
- iii. A motion to approve proposals i and ii above was made by Paula Barnhart and seconded by Sherri Siewerski. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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3. Parent Representative Vacancy Election

- a. Candidate Presentation: Ian Erdos
- b. A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss parent representative candidate was made by Kathy Keenan Renkosiak and seconded by David Gee.
- c. Returning to open session, a motion to invite Ian Erdos to join the LSC as a Parent Representative was made by David Gee and seconded by Kathy Keenan Renkosiak. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - none

Public Participation - none

Next Meeting

1. Date/Time: November 4, 2015 at 6:30pm

A motion was made by Paula Barnhart to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kim Sineni. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.