

Jean Baptiste Beaubien School
Local School Council Minutes
March 23, 2016
(773) 534-3500

Agenda—Regularly Scheduled Meeting – March 23, 2016

Call to Order and Pledge

Meeting was called to order by David Gee at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting was made by Ian Erdos and seconded by Amy Serafin. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Amy Serafin and seconded by Ian Erdos. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

1. Enrollment
 - a. February: 1112 students
 - b. March: 1119 students
 - c. Projected Enrollment for 2016/2017: 1112 (funding is based on this number)
 - d. CPS has told Mrs. Ludford that no kindergartners from outside of the school boundaries will be allowed to attend. There are usually 10 – 12 students from outside of the boundaries who have enrolled.
2. Curriculum
 - a. Still considering a 6th – 8th Grade math program. The teachers are in desperate need of a standard curriculum. Teachers are looking at Singapore math.
3. Building
 - a. Armark
 - i. Continues to be a constant struggle. For example, they don't mop enough.
 - ii. Mrs. Ludford is continuing to contact them on a regular basis.
 - b. Bathroom sinks
 - i. Over \$1000 was raised last month.
 - ii. Another collection happens on March 24, 2016
 - c. Art sink
 - i. A concern has been raised about the way that kids are washing their hands after art class in the new sink. This will be reviewed.
 - d. Garden: Whole Foods Grant

- i. Dominica Miller wrote a grant and received \$2000 to start a school vegetable garden.
 - ii. Another parent creates school garden curriculum and she has connected with a professor from Wright College who is helping to create a curriculum.
 - e. Chicago Cares
 - i. Gretchen Ray reached out to Chicago Cares and they met with Mrs. Ludford to figure out a day of service at Beaubien.
 - ii. We will have parents volunteer to paint bathrooms around the same time.
- 4. School Assessments
 - a. PARCC: April 4 – 15 for 3rd – 8th grade
 - i. Separate time slots for reading and math
 - ii. Schedule will be sent home from individual teachers.
 - iii. 5th to 8th is computer-based testing
 - iv. The test is shorter this year. Testing time has been reduced by 90 minutes.
 - v. The results should come back earlier this year. Hopefully the results will arrive in the summer.
 - vi. Opt out information
 - 1. 95% of the students need to take the test in order for CPS to get funding.
 - 2. If a parent does want a child to opt out, the student must go to class and be presented with the material. Then the child needs to verbally or in writing say that they are not taking the test. Then the child goes to the auditorium to read a book.
- 5. School Budget
 - a. CPS is suggesting that Beaubien keep savings of \$122,324 to roll over to next year.
 - i. Each school's suggested amount was different based on their current budget. There was a total Network 1 savings goal.
 - ii. If we spend anything over \$5000, the network chief now has to approve the spending.
 - iii. They have promised that Beaubien gets to keep this money and roll it over.
 - b. Current Non-Personnel
 - i. 115-SBB: \$41,188.89
 - ii. 225-SGSA: \$186,085.12
- 6. News

- a. Upcoming furlough days: March 25, April 1 teacher walk out
 - i. Administration will be at the school on the teacher walk out day
- b. CIWP (Continuous Improvement Workforce Plan)
 - i. Sherri has agreed to be a member of this committee. Others are welcome to join.
 - ii. The CIWP is very different than it used to be. This will be presented at the April LSC meeting. Each school is now able to come with its own goals instead of being given goals from central administration.

Reports

- I. PTO
 - a. Movie night last month. Good turnout.
 - b. Skating party. Huge turnout (200 people).
 - c. Spring Fling is April 2 from 6-10pm at Moretti's. Tickets still available.
 - d. Spirit Week is happening the week of March 28
 - e. Sink Your Change collection is March 24
 - f. Certificates Makes Cents due March 24
 - g. May 9th Cubs Game
 - h. B-Show had information meeting. April 11 & 12 tryouts.
- II. Communications
 - a. Moving forward with new website. It is being built right now.
- III. Diverse Learners – nothing to report
- IV. BAC
 - a. 32 people came to meeting on March 23, 2016. Topic was about how to handle anger.
- V. PPLC – nothing to report
- VI. Treasurer
 - a. Checking account is balanced

New Business

- I. Principal Evaluation meeting is happening on April 7 from 5:30 – 8:30pm.
- II. Budget Transfers - none
- III. Fundraising Approval
 - a. PTO
 - i. Spirit Week proposal. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. Cubs game on May 9th. \$15/ticket. Hoping to raise \$431.
 - iii. Walkathon on May 20th. Anticipated revenue is \$10,000. Profit is \$7,000.
 - iv. There is a Marriot Children's Theatre Show on May 7 that parents

- can take their children to. Pre-k to 4th grade. \$180 anticipated profit.
- v. June 3rd Talent Show. Anticipated revenue of \$1000.
 - vi. Staff auction – April 13 for report card pickup day. Anticipated profit is \$1000.
 - vii. Motion was made to approve all of the above requests. Kim Sineni motioned to approve. Ian Erdos seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business - none

Public Participation (2 minute limit) - none

Next Meetings

- I. Agenda Items
- II. April 7, 2016 at 5:30-6:00pm – Principal Evaluation Conversation
- III. April 27, 2016 @ 6:30 PM – LSC Meeting

A motion was made by Ian Erdos to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Sherri Siewerski. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.