

Cleveland Local School Council- **(Virtual) Meeting #5** due to COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2
January 21, 2021

Members in attendance

Present: Principal Ward, Esperanza Leon, Kristine Stanton, Pam Tivers, Yuditd Cuenca, Claudia Orellana, Danny Scott, Roberto Castrejon, Jason Ruiz, Salvador Gutierrez, Jennifer Wilson

Absent: Rosa Pacheco. **** Late Arrival****

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Jennifer Wilson.

Review:

- Danny Scott motion to approve the January agenda Jason Ruiz seconded the motion.
- December minutes Debora Ward motion to approve and Danny Scott seconded the motion.

LSC Committee Reports:

- Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)
 - No report
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Met with 4 parents to discuss remote learning.
- Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC)
 - No Report
- Special Education
 - No Report
- Friends of Cleveland (FOC)
 - Continuing our Dine-Out Fundraising.
 - FOC-Newsletter-has been sent out
 - Recent Dine-Out fundraiser was held at Blue Food Café on Elston.
Waiting for report on amount raised.
 - Monthly FOC meeting being held via zoom tonight at 8:30 p.m. FOC meeting information can be found on our Facebook Page.

Principal's Report:

- **Expressions of Gratitude:** Teacher, Staff, Parent, Community, and Student Shout-Outs
 - Thank you to Pre-k, Cluster staff and SECA's for a smooth return.
 - Thank you to Ms. Bunker, Ms. Carrabotta and Ms. Castillo for stepping up to fill in while the third grade teacher is staffed.
- **Competency A-** Champions teacher and staff excellence through a focus on continuous improvement in development to develop and achieve the vision of high expectations for all students

- The PL team especially Ms. Gomez, Ms. D Stanton and Ms. Jungle have been busy developing a blueprint for Personalized Learning to move the school forward. Included in the blueprint are plans to revamp our MTSS procedures. This plan aligns with our CIWP.
- Our safety drills are currently up to date.

Competency B- Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students

- Grade level teams meet weekly to collaborate and plan instruction that aligns to common core state standards. Rob and I attend as many meetings as we can.
- The PL team receives coaching and professional development twice a month from LEAP innovations so we can ensure our instruction aligns to the CCSS. Currently we have 15 teachers involved with PL. We are hoping to onboard 6 additional teachers so that all general education classrooms are involved in personalized learning.

• **Competency C-** Build a culture focused on college and career readiness

- Ms. Stanton and Mrs. Keogh received a grant for a crisis intervention group. They are implementing the process on a weekly basis.
- Student goal setting is included in personalized learning classrooms.

• **Competency D-**Empowers and motivates families and community to become engaged

- We are hosting a K-2nd grade return to school meeting with parents on January 26th.

• **Competency E-**Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and actions

- Continue to stay safe and warm.

Financial Review Monthly Report

- Internal Accounts documents are attached for review.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

• **Return to School Plan for Cleveland**

- *Logistical plan for return:* Ms. Ward reported that students would be in class all day, recess and lunch in the classroom. Masks on at all times/except when eating, and scheduled bathroom breaks. There are signs posted all over the building regarding social distancing, sanitizing stations are located on various walls, can only use the middle stair cases to go up and far north and south end staircases for going down.

- HEPA filter machines have arrived-still waiting on a few-short. PPE, masks and cleaning supplies have also arrived.
- Scheduling-Based on the number of students returning- full 5 day work week M-F (Pre-K and Cluster are already on this schedule and Specials teachers are following as well). 2 pods have been setup- A Pod-M-T and B pd- Thrs-F. 130 students will be returning in total-includes pre-k and cluster who are already in school. Schedule is for 4 days a week with 1 day remote-Wednesday-deep cleaning (still waiting on clarification as to what this will look like from CPS). There is NO option for 3 days remote if you only have students in 1 pod.
- ADA Accommodations-waiting on approval for those who submitted one. I-Ms. Ward completely understand and see your concerns for those who filled out an ADA Accommodation.
- **Mr. Staszczak** stated that he was working on 5th-8th scheduling for pods A and B. He needs to take homerooms, student needs and the existing schedule into consideration.
- Bathrooms in the building will be split in ½ for use and a schedule will be made so that there is no crossover.
- All exit doors will be used for entry and dismissal of students. Looking into a staggered entry and dismissal time.
- K-2 has set up a meeting for parents about the return to school plan. Other grade levels will be setting up forthcoming meetings as well to discuss the return plan with their parents and students.
- **After-School Grant:**
 - Ms. Ward reported that we received an after-school grant that will be all online. More information will be forth coming.
- **LSC Resolution Letter to CPS regarding their reopening plan. Community members who signed up in advance addressed the LSC.**
 - **Ms. Watson-1st grade and the Union Delegate for Cleveland** wrote a letter on behalf of the staff requesting the LSC of Cleveland School to consider writing a Letter of Resolution to CPS about their reopening plan. Ms. Watson spoke about teachers concerns with a return to in-person learning, and lack of availability to be vaccinated. Ms. Watson expressed concern about specials teachers traveling from room to room to provide preps-which could cause cross contamination. Would prefer the specials teachers to stay remote via their classrooms. Positivity rate per the Mayor has been going down yet no metric for closing has been set by CPS. Ms. Watson expressed that she understands that the LSC cannot close a school but would appreciate LSC supporting the teachers on this issue.
 - **Mrs. Sandy Urquiaga-Cluster Teacher** expressed for all 3 cluster classes as to why we should remain remote. Cluster students are students with the most significant needs in the building and social distancing guidelines cannot be followed with this group of students. These students require, hand to hand contact, wearing a mask is often too difficult for them to

do/sensory difficulties, and some are hitters and spitters. In one 6 hour day a student was asked 54 times to fix their mask (cover their mouth/noses). She also expressed her concern about the cleaning of the building/classroom and safety of students who take the bus as well as general education students.

- **Mrs. Sanchez-7th/8th teacher-** Expressed her concern about student safety, at least 7 adults being in a classroom on a given day (departmental teachers, special education teachers, and specials teachers). Unisex bathrooms-unsafe-who will monitor them and clean them after use?
- Masks are cloth-not safe not KN95. Following social distancing guidelines will be difficult.
- Many students have reported already being exposed to Covid-19 (family member has had it or they have had it). 1/14 people in the 60618 zip code has been tested for/or had Covid-19. This is a concerning number.
- **Mrs. Calbert-5th/6th teacher-** Keeping a schedule as close the guidelines will be cumbersome. We know as much as you know-same information being given to schools/teachers/parents/administrators is the same information being share on Social Media and the news.
- There is a limited amount of resources for our families.
- There has been a lack of communication from CPS to all stakeholders. We are all on the same page with what we know. CPS has not been forthcoming with information to all stakeholders.
- The CTU is doing all it can to keep us all safe.
- We have been remote since the lockdown began in March of 2020 and we are doing our best under the circumstances-but we need to be kept safe. Consider this when making your decision-We love what we do and we want everyone to be safe.
- **Ms. Heller-5th/6th Teacher-** The team sent a letter home to all 5th/6th parents about what the expectations are upon returning to school-which included-teachers wearing a mask all day, teachers social distancing from students, remote instruction, computers cannot be personal, and possible WiFi issues.

Community:

- Large number of staff were present for meeting. 2 minute sign-up was provided in advance.
- Ms. Watson, Mrs. Sandy Urquiaga, Mrs. Sanchez, Mrs. Calbert, and Ms. Heller signed up to speak about their concerns with CPS reopening plan.

**Ms. Ward recused herself from this part of the meeting.*

LSC Resolution Letter to CPS regarding their reopening plan: Chairperson Jennifer Wilson drafted a letter from the Cleveland LSC to be sent to CPS. Draft was shared-via presentation mode for all to view and was read to us by Ms. Wilson. Ms. Wilson will share final version with all LSC members and stakeholders.

Danny Scott motioned for a vote on the LSC Letter of Resolution for CPS, Jason Ruiz seconded the motion. Roll Call of vote was taken.

Vote: On LSC Letter of Resolution regarding CPS reopening plan:

Mr. Scott- Yes Mrs. Leon- Yes Ms. Stanton-Yes Ms. Tivers- Yes
Mrs. Pacheco-Yes Mr. Castrejon- Yes Mr. Gutierrez- Yes
Mr. Ruiz- Yes Mrs. Cuenca-Yes Mrs. Wilson-Yes Ms. Orellana-Yes

*Ms. Ward recused herself from this vote. She is noted as recused.

Vote is hereby accepted for the LSC Resolution Letter- 11 Yes/ 0 Nays/0 absent/1 recused.

Adjournment: Danny Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, and Rosa Pacheco seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

****Next LSC Meeting –February 18, 2021 @5:30 PM (3rd Thursday of each month)
Virtual Google Meet Invite will be sent.**