

Cleveland Local School Council- In-Person Meeting #1
September 16, 2021

Members in attendance

Present: Principal Ward, Kristine Stanton, Yuditd Cuenca, Danny Scott, Esperanza Leon, Jason Ruiz, Salvador Guterrez, Rob Casterjon, Jennifer Wilson-left early.

Absent: Pam Tivers

2 Vacancies: 1 Parent & 1 Community

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Jennifer Wilson.

Review:

- Chair asked for motion to approve the September agenda: Jason Ruiz motioned 1st and Danny Scott 2nd the motion.
- Chair asked for a motion to approve the July Organizational minutes Sal Gutierrez motioned 1st and Rob Castrejon 2nd the motion.

LSC Committee Reports:

- Chair Report
 - Glad to be back in school and Happy Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)
 - Virtual meeting was held- elected officers, schedule is 3rd Friday of the month @8:30 am. Official dates are forthcoming since they are not required to meet monthly.
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Rescheduled virtual meeting for 9/21 @5:00 pm. Information will be forthcoming.
- Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC)
 - Meeting is scheduled for 9/23 @3:15 pm. Virtual information & Agenda will be forthcoming
- Special Education
 - Appeal has been sent in for 2 positions- 1 Para/SECA and 1 teacher.
- Friends of Cleveland (FOC)
 - Held Annual Organizational Meeting where a new board of directors and officers were selected- biggest change was election of a new FOC President-Julie Weber.
 - Committees have begun their monthly process, expected to have regular meetings to focus on engaging and growing.
 - Red Bird Hustle is scheduled for October 1-Pep Rally is filming to be shared next week with the students.
 - Regular newsletters have begun going out.
 - Investigating various ways to assist the school financially through the possibility of a music residency and/or an audio overhaul for the auditorium.
 - Next Board Meeting September 28th, @5:30 pm @ Leader Bar.

- Communications Committee
 - Jennifer Wilson provided everyone with a handout to showcase the following:
 - Ideas for improvement:
 - a. Bi-Weekly newsletter
 - b. Grade level newsletter
 - c. Virtual & In-person Open House
 - d. Informational Tables
 - e. Best ways to communicate: Text, emails, paper, posters, post on website, Social Media

Principal's Report:

- **Expressions of Gratitude:** Teacher, Staff, Parent, Community, and Student Shout-Outs
 - Thank you Esperenza, who worked all summer to make sure students were properly registered.
 - Thank you to Sandy Slattery who worked in the summer to make sure our technology is up to date.
- **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
 - Please see the attached professional development plan aligned to the CIWP goals.
 - We were awarded an Algebra class for eighth graders this year. Once they pass an end of year test they will receive high school credit.
 - We received a grant to 6600.00 to begin an after-school choir for 3-5 and 6-8. Auditions will be held on August 13 during the school day.
 - NGBC is providing after school care for grade K-8.
 - The school is providing after school care for pre-K
 - The emergency plan is completed. A copy is attached for your reference.
 - Teacher teams meet weekly to discuss and plan for instruction. The schedule is attached.
 - There is an issue with traffic in the morning. I am working with the 17th to resolve this issue.
 - I have asked the paraprofessionals to be on the playground in the morning from 7:45-8:00 to help with the start of school.
 - The gates are fixed and locked during recess to prevent students from running off the property.
- **Competency B-** Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students
 - The literacy team met during the summer to align curriculum.
 - The MTSS team met during the summer and at the beginning of the year to roll out and implement our MTSS plan.

- The dual language team met during the summer to align the curriculum.
 - Ms. Martinez and Ms. L are conducting placement testing to determine what needs our EL students have.
 - Reach teacher evaluation can start at the end of September.
 - Professional development was provided in August for all teachers. The schedule is attached.
 - We appealed for an additional Para and teacher position for Special Education and won the appeal. We are in the process of looking for people to fill these spots.
 - After school planning will happen on Friday with CPS, we expect to begin in early October.
 - I was accepted into a Chicago Fund class that is researching grading practices.
- **Competency C-** Build a culture focused on college and career readiness
 - Mr. Thigpen and I met with “Lawyers in the classroom”, they will be providing classes around the constitution for 8th grade.
 - I am working with Design Dance to bring a program to the school for our primary students.
 - We are going to offer Peer Conferencing for our students to help resolve any small issues students may be having. Their leaders will be trained in the technique and teamed with an adult staff member.
 - Teachers in the Personalized Learning Classroom are working with students to set goals and understand how individual students best learn.
- **Competency D-** Empowers and motivates families and community to become engaged
 - An architect from the board visited the school in late August to let me know the window project was back on the table however, there was not a timeline.
 - The current construction was not completed. There is still a great deal of work to complete. They are hoping to finish this by December. I attend weekly construction meetings. During these meetings, I have expressed my concern about the timeline and quality of the work completed.
- **Competency E-** Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and actions
 - We have 4 temporary teachers this school year because two teachers are on Maternity leave and two others took Sabbaticals. Mrs. Bridges 5/6 reading, Ms. West 2nd grade, Mrs. Barr 5/6 math and Ms. Warner 7/8 writing.
 - To date, we have had three confirmed COVID cases in the school.

Financial Review Monthly Report

- Internal Accounts documents are attached for review.

Public Comment: 4 Comments on the Google Form-

- *Question 1-* What is the policy for parents to come into the building? There seems to be some inconsistencies-varies & some don't sign in. would like to know today/publicly what the policy is.
- *Answer:* Parents are to call the office first, student will be called and brought down to Door #6 and signed out there. Currently at the Main Door we only have on P.O. for the morning and are looking for someone to cover the afternoon shift-this is a safety issue. Unfortunately, life is not what it used to be. Ms. Ward will send an email clarifying the procedure tomorrow. There is one exception to this-parents who are invited to come for an IEP meeting.
- *Question #2-* Why is there no technology prep? When will technology resume? Can we get help for Ms. Slattery? Possibly an assistant?
- *Answer:* Subs have been requested but there is a low pool in CPS recruitment. Currently, I have spoken with Ms. Slattery and given her 1 additional week to complete all computer updates. Preps should begin on 10/4/21. In regards to an aide we do not have any money for a technology aide. I can however hire someone for \$15.00-no benefits- hours are 8:00-3:00 pm (6 hours) to help. Additionally, for future reference here is a technology audit due at the end of December. I have hired a recess supervisor for 4 hours a day.
- *Question #3:* What steps is Cleveland taking regarding the recent neighborhood gun violence?
- *Answer:* Safety Drills will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. All exits are secured/cameras are live and active.
- *Question #4:* Is there any community safety measures in place?
- *Answer:* Northwest Safety Coalition is looking for people to join. Possible meeting will be held.

Old Business: LSC Parent Vacancy

New Business: LSC Community Vacancy & Advertising

LSC Vacancies- Set deadline date for applications to fill 1 Parent Vacancy & 1 Community Vacancy.

- Date proposed for all valid applications to be submitted to the school was for Wednesday, October 20th at 3:00 pm.
- Vice Chair Salvador Gutierrez asked for a motion- Danny Scoot motioned 1st and Esperanza Leon 2nd the motion.

Advertising Vacancies- Public Notice will be posted.

Adjournment: Danny Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, and Esperanza Leon seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next LSC Meeting –October 21, 2021 @5:30 PM (3rd Thursday of each month)

