

Cleveland Local School Council- In-Person Meeting #4
December 16, 2021

Members in attendance

Present: Principal Ward, Kristine Stanton, Esperanza Leon, Jason Ruiz, David Yuknis, Jennifer Wilson, Yudit Cuenca

Absent: Pam Tivers, Salvador Guterrez, Rob Casterjon, Danny Scott

LSC Vacancy: 1 Community

7/11 Members Present/ 6/11 for a Quorum

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by Jennifer Wilson.

Review:

- Chair asked for motion to approve the December agenda: Jason Ruiz motioned 1st and David Yuknis 2nd the motion.
- Chair asked for a motion to approve the December Regular meeting minutes Jason Ruiz motioned 1st and David Yuknis 2nd the motion.
- Chair asked for a motion to approve the December Special meeting minutes Esperanza Leon motioned 1st and Kristine Stanton 2nd the motion.

LSC Committee Reports:

- Chair Report
 - Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and to stay safe & warm.
- Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)
 - No report
 - Their monthly meeting is upcoming.
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Monthly meeting were held on 11/16 & 12/14
 - The PAC and BAC shared an Anti-Bully topic this week and purchased our first presentation.
 - Parents and students earned participation points for a pizza party funded by the FOC.
 - The PAC is continuing to engage new families in the monthly dance fitness classes.
 - **Advertising and Communication are top priorities.**
 - Parents like the weekly emails and suggested trying to have 2 weeks worth of dates added.
 - Having a more established calendar to avoid the need for so many paper alerts may be helpful.
 - The Remind App for text messages is a potential lead for communication with our parents. This app is free for 10 classrooms of 150 people. If we have more people sign up, we may need to pay a monthly fee.

- Principal Ward shared that most teachers use class Dojo. About 200 people check the posts on Dojo. It may be helpful to determine what percentage of teachers are on the app.
- Perhaps we should remind parents to sign up for Dojo and email alerts.
- Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC)
 - Meeting was virtually on 12/16 @3:15 pm.
 - Calm Classroom- All teachers have been provided with materials to re-implement this program within their classroom communities.
 - Grading for Equity Standards- Conversation continued around this topic and how and when to implement it.
 - Discussion focused on the highs and lows of impact when implementing Grading for Equity Standards.
- Special Education
 - There will be 3 upcoming maternity leaves in the Sped department.
- Friends of Cleveland (FOC)
 - Facilitated in getting 33 kids vaccinated with the assistance of local Pediatrician Dr. Nava Segall. Thank you to Principal Ward for assisting in coordinating this with families. The second dose will be in early January.
 - Holiday Arches went up around the neighborhood - Making the Cleveland Neighborhood Merry and Bright. 150 in all were installed.
 - The Holly Jolly Cleveland Family Ice Skate at McFetridge took place on December 12 - about 160 people registered to skate in three time slots. It was a ton of fun for all - for many families it was their first time skating! There was even a stroller-sled on the ice!
 - FOC is lending support with BAC and PAC and sponsoring a Pizza Party for top classrooms for kindness week.
 - Next Meeting is January 13th
- Communications Committee
 - First Meeting is scheduled for 1/6/22 @ 9:15 AM.

Principal's Report:

- **Expressions of Gratitude:** Teacher, Staff, Parent, Community, and Student Shout-Outs.
 - Thank you to the FOC for hosting Family Ice Skating
 - Thank you to the PAC and Maria Gutierrez for the Turkey Wobble
 - Thank you to the Weber's for Front Porch Christmas
- **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 intruder drill was held on November 23 with help from the Chicago Police Department
 - I meet with the window design team on the 8 of December. The plans are 60% done and set to go out to bid in February.

- The MTSS plan is on track. We are currently exploring standards based grading techniques that align to the CIWP.
- Middle school students are starting a buddy-reading program with kindergarten and first grade
- **Competency B-** Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students
 - Our REACH observation are under way. This year we have to visit our probationary teachers three times. Our first round has been completed.
 - Grade level teams plan together weekly, create, and execute plans together.
 - Peer coaching training is continuing. The student shave two more hours of training to complete.
 - Playworks met with teachers on November 18 to provide professional development and SEL techniques for classroom teachers
- **Competency C-** Build a culture focused on college and career readiness
 - I am in contact with Red Kite to provide programming for our cluster programs that includes music and SEL.
 - Students just retook the STAR 360 assessment and teacher are looking at the data and meeting with me to discuss how to move forward.
- **Competency D-**Empowers and motivates families and community to become engaged
 - Senator Pacone-Zayas and Jamie Andrade visited the school and took a tour on December 8. They are interested in finding out what we need as far as capital improvements are concerned.
 - This year I send a weekly letter to staff and families.
- **Competency E-**Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and actions
 - The PAC and BAC are in communication about organizing kindness week and further addressing our behavioral concerns.

Financial Review Monthly Report

- Internal Accounts documents are attached for review.
- Downtown pointed out that there are some Federal Funds that have not been used \$98,863.12 these funds can be reallocated for purchasing by end of May.

Public Comment: 1 Comments on the Google Form

- Public Comments: A parent asked about more tutoring options for 2nd & 3rd grade. The matter will be looked into. Mentioned that we have an after-school OLCE bilingual tutoring position open but no one has stepped up to fill. Will send a reminder notice in January.
- Google Form Comment: A parent voiced their concern about an incident that took place after-school the other day- stated that many kids are hanging out and 2 girls were fighting and cursing. The parent asked girls to stop and 1 of the girls cursed and threatened to fight the parent. Parent voiced that they were upset about this situation and is thinking of pulling children out of Cleveland. Feels there is a lack of respect from students towards community members as well as the school itself.

Old Business: LSC Community Vacancy

- LSC Community Vacancy-no applications.
- Surveys- Parent and Community Survey- needs to be sent and approved by legal. A motion to table this discussion was made by Ms. Stanton and 2nd by Mr. Ruiz.
- Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

- **Budget Transfer:** Pre-K Extended Day Bucket Transfer funds to cover as a cushion. Every month we are in the red-not raising enough money to cover this-need to reevaluate pricing.
- **Request:** Move funds of \$3500.00 from a General Fund labeled-Kaplan Foundation line which has a balance of \$13, 000 to provide a cushion in the Pre-K extended day bucket.

VOTE: Transfer Funds from GF-Kaplan to Pre-K Extended Day Bucket: 6 yes votes/4 absent/1 remote -Vote is hereby accepted.

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes

Mr. Yuknis-Yes Ms. Wilson-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes

- **Fundraising Proposals**
 - Fundraising Proposals
 - i. CHOCO- Coco & Cookies-1/21
 - ii. Student Council- Carnation Sale

Proposal #1-CHOCO Fundraiser- Funds raised will be used to make packages for the homeless.

VOTE: CHOCO Fundraiser: 6 yes votes/4 absent/1 remote -Vote is hereby accepted.

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes

Mr. Yuknis-Yes Ms. Wilson-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes

Proposal #2-Student Council Fundraiser- Funds raised will be used for prizes to be given to students for SC competitions..

VOTE: CHOCO Fundraiser: 6 yes votes/4 absent/1 remote -Vote is hereby accepted.

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes

Mr. Yuknis-Yes Ms. Wilson-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes

Adjournment: Esperanza Leon moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jason Ruiz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next LSC Meeting –January 20, 2022 @5:30 PM (3rd Thursday of each month)