

Cleveland Local School Council- In-Person Meeting #5  
**January 19, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by LSC Chair-Meredith Taylor.

*Members in attendance*

**Roll Call**-Present: Principal Ward, Kristine Stanton, Salvador Gutierrez, Meredith Taylor, Maureen Calbert, Zianya Pena-late 5:35, Mr. Rappold, Rene Pineda, Jason Ruiz, David Yuknis, Esperanza Leon, Olga Cruz

*Absent:* Jacqueline Russell

**Review:**

- o Chair asked for motion to approve the January agenda: David Yuknis motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and Joe Rappold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- o Chair asked for a motion to approve the December minutes Esperanza Leon motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and David Yuknis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**LSC Committee Reports:**

- o Chair Report
  - o Happy New Year to our Cleveland Community! Hopefully everyone is getting back into the routine and are ready for an exciting and successful second half of the year. January 22 is the beginning of Lunar New Year so in this new Year of the Rabbit I'd like to wish our community good health and good fortune, longevity, peace & prosperity.
  - o I'd like to express the gratitude of our Cleveland Community to PAC for bringing the Letters to Santa program to our school. Thank you to Nicole Page who led as the program organizer, who along with an awesome group of volunteer moms stepped up to make sure all our students received a special surprise before break. Another special thank you to Ms. Mainard who organized space for hundreds of gifts and helped receive shipments; as well as Vice Principal Staszczak for overseeing the project & the many class lists that were requested, and for helping deliver gifts while setting a personal stairs record.
  - o I'd also like to thank FOC again for our Snowball - it is so uplifting to have great events happening in the school again and opportunities for our families to gather and socialize. And last but certainly not least, a special thank you to Lisa Miller-Yuknis who has been instrumental in assisting our 8th graders in their fundraising efforts with candygrams & chapstick sales across multiple lunches over the weeks before break; as well as for being the liaison between FOC & the 8th grade graduation committee.
- o Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)
  - o Our next BAC meeting is Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- o Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
  - o Monthly meeting was held on 1/10

- **Imagination Theater:** Imagination Theater was scheduled for January 26th- since it was free. The yoga portion was canceled due to the fee. Schedule will be as follows: 9:00 K-2, 10:00 3-5, and 11:00 6-8. Unfortunately, no pre-k for this assembly.
- **Food Budget Vote-** To move money off the following budget lines: \$1350.00 from the supplies line to cover \$700.00 for Family Engagement, \$200.00 to the food line and the remaining \$450.00 will stay the supply line to cover office supplies. This move will cover the next Parent Engagement/Meet Up nights in February.
- **Updates:** None
- Next meeting is 2/21 @5:30pm
- Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC)
  - Included in Principal's Report
- Special Education
  - No Report this month.
- Friends of Cleveland (FOC)
  - Julie Weber-FOC President reported:
  - **Recap-**
  - In December, we had the Snow Ball Dance - we sold out according to the capacity of the lunchroom. This is our first official sold out event! Everyone seemed to have a great time.
  - We fulfilled the staff wishing tree with the help of Cleveland parents. Most staff that participated had at least one or 2 wishes fulfilled.
  - **Coming up -**
  - We are helping the 8th grade with their movie night on Wednesday 1/25 - they are selling popcorn, snacks and water. We will be helping with sales and overseeing the student volunteers.
  - We had our first official Celebrate Cleveland planning meeting - we have not signed the contract as of yet, but we are planning for Friday, May 19th at Michelle's Ballroom on Belmont and California. There will be free parking and potentially a staff only cocktail reception before the event. We have a walk thru at the venue next Friday. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event to procure food donations for the strolling dinner buffet, beer, wine, liquor, as well as silent auction items (restaurant gift cards, theater tickets, sporting event tickets, hotel stays, unique items, etc).
  - We will have another Bingo event on Thursday February 23th, 5:30-7pm.
  - On Saturday, February 25th will be hosting our first pre-school community event (targeted at ages 5 and under). We have created a flyer about Cleveland that we will be dropping at every house in our district. The goal is to introduce young families to the school. We've included some basic info about the school - i.e. we have before and after care, we have after school programs, etc. The event itself will be from 9-11am in the gym. We'll have ride-a-longs and other things for the kids

to play with. PAC may be providing donuts and coffee - still confirming. See the attached flyer.

- The Read-a-thon is in full swing - we're trying to line it up with the book fair the last week of March - more details to come!
- We're also going to be rolling out box tops again soon for a fundraiser.
- Next FOC Board Meeting is on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm.

- Communications Committee

- Mr. Staszczak will touch base with Ms. Taylor to set a date.

**Principal's Report:**

- **Expressions of Gratitude:** Teacher, Staff, Parent, Community, and Student Shout-Outs.
  - Thank you to the FOC for the Snow Ball Dance
  - Thank you to the FOC for the pasta lunch for staff.
- **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.
  - Meet with the Construction team on Tuesday. The windows are almost complete. The south basement and the gym have been painted. The plan is to have the shades installed over spring break.
  - Meet with the Mobile Construction team. The project is out for bid. The plan is for new flooring, windows, and reconfiguration of the bathrooms. The project is to start in the summer.
  - I talked to the playground design manager; the project must go through a grant process. This takes 6-12 months. The grant was submitted in October.
- **Competency B-** Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students.
  - The second round of REACH observations are beginning next week.
  - During grade level planning meetings we are introducing the CPS literacy plan and asking teachers to write lesson plans aligned to the plan.
  - Mr. Deahl transferred to another school. We are in the process of hiring a bilingual candidate to fill his position.
  - Access testing is currently in progress.
- **Competency C-** Build a culture focused on college and career readiness
  - We are currently using Branching Minds for MTSS support to track and plan for student intervention.
- **Competency D-** Empowers and motivates families and community to become engaged
  - Mr. Staszczak and I meet with the North River Commission to discuss the housing project on Irving and how this will affect the school.
- **Competency E-** Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and actions
  - Weekly newsletter continues to be sent out.

- o Movie night sponsored by the middle school is on January 25.

**Financial Review Monthly Report**

- o Internal Accounts documents are attached for review. Nothing to report this month.

**Public Comment: 0 signed up to comment/0 Comments on the Google Form-**

- o No comments from the public.

**Old Business:**

- o Fundraising Reports:
  - o 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Candy Cane Grams 12/12-12/19/22- Sales generated \$756.00 minus cost \$72.50 profit made was \$683.50 to be used towards offsetting 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation or 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

**New Business:**

- o Fundraising Proposals: School
- o Principal Evaluation

**School Proposals:**

**Proposal #1-Concession Stand at Boys and Girls Basketball Game 1/20/23-** Funds school sports jerseys.

**VOTE: School Proposal #1: Concession Stand at Boys & Girls Basketball Game 1/20/23-Fundraiser:** 12 yes votes/1 absent/0 remote. Vote is hereby accepted.

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes Mr. Gutierrez-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mr. Yuknis-Yes Mrs. Calbert-Yes Mr. Pineda-Yes

Ms. Pena-Yes Mrs. Taylor-Yes Mr. Rappold-Yes Ms. Cruz-Yes

Ms. Russell-Absent

*Vote-12 Yes/0 No/1 Absent/ 0 remote- Vote is hereby accepted.*

- **Principal Evaluation:**

Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Wards Principal Evaluation and David Yuknis seconded the motion.

**Vote on motion to approve Ms Ward’s Evaluation for contract renewal:**

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes Mr. Gutierrez-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mr. Yuknis-Yes Mrs. Calbert-Yes Mr. Pineda-Yes

Ms. Russell-Absent Mrs. Taylor-Yes Mr. Rappold-Yes Ms. Cruz-Yes

Ms. Pena-Student has no voting privileges on Principal Evaluation.

- **Vote:** - 11 yes-votes/1 absent/0 No/1 Student NVP. Vote is hereby accepted.

- **Principals Contract:**

Ms. Taylor made motion to offer Ms. Ward a contract renewal for 4 years July 1, 2023- June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Joe Rappold.

**Vote on motion to renew Ms. Ward’s contract for SY 2023-2027:**

Mr. Ruiz-Yes Ms. Ward-Yes Mrs. Leon-Yes Mr. Gutierrez-Yes

Ms. Stanton-Yes Mr. Yuknis-Yes Mrs. Calbert-Yes Mr. Pineda-Yes

Ms. Russell-Absent Mrs. Taylor-Yes Mr. Rappold-Yes Ms. Cruz-Yes

Ms. Pena-Student has no voting privileges on Principal Contract.

- **Vote:** - 11 yes-votes/1 absent/0 No/1 Student NVP. Vote is hereby accepted.

**Adjournment:** Salvador Gutierrez moved to adjourn the meeting, and Esperanza Leon seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Next LSC Meeting –February 16, 2023 @5:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine M. Stanton  
LSC Secretary**