



**John C Coonley Elementary School  
Local School Council  
May 5, 2105 Meeting**

**Call to Order at 6pm by Mulderink**

**Roll Call**

- In attendance: Greg Zurawski, York Chan, Doug Mulderink, Ellie Bahrmassel, Charles Tocci, Esther Storrie, Tom Evans, Laura Massier, Jenn Schultz, Jocelyn LaLuz, Beneen Prendiville, Jeff Jenkins

**Meeting Minutes**

March minutes – Bahrmassel moved to adopt the March meeting minutes. Tocci seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

April minutes - Bahrmassel moved to adopt the March meeting minutes. Chan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**LSC Committee Updates & Reports**

Arts & Language Committee – The committee continues work on the musical *Annie*, which goes up May 29-31 at Amundesen High School. Phase 2 of mosaic project is moving forward, and the school will possibly collaborate with the artist Jim Bachor ([www.bachor.com](http://www.bachor.com)) on mosaics this summer.

Bilingual Advisory Committee – The committee will meet again on May 15. The committee continues exploring resources to support bilingual students after school and parent workshops will be advertised in the Blast for first week in June.

Continuous Improvement Work Plan – The CIWP committee met on April 28 to debrief the community forum and review survey results. Mr. Zurawski will review the forum suggestions and meet with groups to move forward in each of the focal areas: communication, enrichment, differentiation, etc. Further planning will be delayed without AY2015-2016 budget from CPS.

Special Education Committee – Coonley is in middle of the Special Olympics at the school. It started on Monday with processional through building and will have a closing ceremony

on Friday (weather permitting). As part of this, Coonley students created personalized t-messages: "I am \_\_\_\_" backed with "I am Coonley"

Professional Personnel Leadership Committee – The PPLC met on April 30. The school has a package delivery system in place now to bring items up to classroom. A number of after school professional development sessions will be available to teacher in lieu of extra days at the end of the school year; these will include curriculum mapping. Mr. Zurawski met with teachers to clarify the CIWP so teachers can share the plan with families.

Facilities & Grounds Committee – The committee is working on hanging the student mosaic. The school needs to hang signage and send out information about when the athletic field is rented out to private groups. The committee is waiting on a new budget to explore purchasing bike racks. Air conditioning in the gym is moving forward.

Technology Committee – The committee reports that anew website is in process with Weebly as the platform. Ms. Zumpano is leading the site. The committee reports that students are enjoying after school coding club,

Friends of Coonley – The annual auction generated \$205,000, slightly up from \$200,000 last year. Representatives from the "Friends" are working on getting parents new to Coonley involved.

Parent-Teacher Organization – "The PTO reports that "Club 4046", the 2-4 & 5-8 grade dances, are coming up. The PTO will provide financial from the dances at the next council meeting with goal to break even. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Cleveland was from April 30-May 1, and Mr. Zurawski reported it was a great success. Coonley is looking at bids for 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC for next year with approximately 70 students at a cost of \$808 per student. The school might explore using Family Fun Fair funds as seed money for the DC trip and then map out fundraising opportunities for each academic quarter. The school is committed to supporting all students to attend if cost is the issue.

Financial Review Monthly Report – There is no report this month. In June the council will review April and May reports.

Ms. Barhmasael reported that all council members completed training mandatory LSC training before the CPS deadline.

A draft principal evaluation has been circulated to council members. The evaluation will be sent to Mr. Zuraskwi and the evaluation will be reviewed at the June council meeting.

## **Principal's Report**

Mr. Zurawski updated the council on several items, including:

- REACH teacher observations likely done by mid-May

- PARCC testing restarted on April 27 with approximately 120 parents opting their children out of testing.
- MAP testing starts on May 11
- Ms. Zumpano provided after school professional development for teachers to create classroom webpages
- Teacher review of the CIWP was held on April 28
- The average student attendance was 95.6% in April
- 90% of students have earned paw or “C” in Coonley Cougar Pride
- 1 student from Coonley to advanced to the Illinois state history fair
- The Beta Club went to “We Day”
- Administration met with the CPS CS4ALL grant coordinator; the grant provides for a coach and/or graduate students to support school efforts.
- The book fair sold over \$16,500 in books, resulting in \$11,600 in scholastic dollars for school

## **New Business**

The next meeting council meeting will be on June 2 as scheduled for principal review and CIWP review. The council will need to schedule another meeting to review the upcoming year’s budget once CPS has sent it.

The Chief of Staff from Representative Ann Williams office was present. She is reaching out to neighborhood schools in the district and the representative’s office can assist schools in several ways: support grant applications, grants, issue 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation certificates, and other ways. The school is encouraged to reach out.

Mr. Zurawksi attended a northside principals meeting to discuss response to proposed charters on northside. Alderman Pawar will meet with elementary school principals to discuss.

Internal Accounts Review – Will be conducted in June.

Account Transfers – Will be conducted in June.

Fundraisers - none

## **Public Participation**

Ms. Bahrmassel helped organize a “Comcast Cares” event that helped refresh Lakeview High School. She also reported on the establishment of a Lake View High School partners organization.

Dr. Tocci asked Mr. Zurawski what is known about the new GrowCommunity-University of Chicago partnership program being lead by Alderman Pawar. There are no specific details yet as the task force is being formed.

### **Adjournment**

Bahrmassel moved to adjourn. Mulderink seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.**