

Coonley Local School Council

6 January 2015 Meeting Minutes

LSC Members Present

Bahrmasel, Chan, Evans, Jenkins, Laluz, Massier, Mulderink (chairperson), Prendiville, Schultz, Storrie, Zurawski

LSC Members Excused

Tocci

Mulderink called meeting to order at 6:01 PM with quorum established. Prendiville, Storrie, and Bahrmasel arrived shortly after the start of the meeting. Approximately 12 members of the Coonley community were present.

Approval of December 2014 LSC Meeting Minutes

Changes were submitted to Tocci prior meeting. Motion to approve made by Jenkins and seconded by Massier. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bilingual Advisory Committee (Zurawski)

Survey went out to parents of bilingual students regarding services for bilingual program. Few responses received. Plan to resend survey for more feedback. Next meeting scheduled for January 16.

Special Education Committee (Zurawski)

No report

Professional Personnel Leadership (Schultz)

PPL Committee met on Monday, 5 January 2015.

- Updates on iPad purchase and rollout
- No other issues reported

Facilities (Chan)

No meeting since last LSC meeting. Need to install the 5th grade mosaic mural in the entrance lobby from the field.

Continuous Improvement Work Plan (Storrie)

- In preparation for upcoming survey to parents, currently reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that will accompany the survey, to ensure the information is presented as accurately and concisely as possible.
- Next meeting is planned for 13 January 2015. The survey and FAQ will be finalized and a schedule established for the survey.

Arts and Language (Girardin)

- 2nd grade performance, *Gingerbread Man*, scheduled for January 22.

- 4th grade performance, *Fables*, scheduled for January 29.
- Art show for grades 3 through 5 in early February.
- Show choir and band performance, *A Little Bit Country, a Little Bit Rock 'N Roll* on February 19 and 20. Tickets are \$2.
- Auditions for musical, *Annie*, for grades 3 through 8 at the end of February. Both boys and girls are encouraged to audition.
- (Zurawski) Kiln purchase will be discussed at Friends of Coonley meeting. Will be installed in old art space. Will need a separate electrical circuit for kiln. Kiln supplier will be installing the ventilation for the system. 500 pounds of clay is included in the initial purchase.

Technology (Jenkins)

Meeting on 9 December 2014 with about 30 people in attendance.

- Jenna Suarez, Regional Coordinator, code.org, presented their program and curriculum for elementary school students.
- Coonley applied to be a code.org school. Determination will be in mid-to-late January.
- (Zurawski) Most recent iPad order shipped on 26 December. Still awaiting for some cabling.
- Approximately 400 Coonley students participated in field trips to DePaul for the Hour of Code program. Coonley represented 85% of the program participants at DePaul.

Friends of Coonley (Gettelman)

- Working on Spring Fling
- Funding approval request will be at the February LSC meeting.

Parent-Teacher Organization

- No report
- School dances are scheduled for various grade bands.

Financial Review Monthly Report (Evans)

- Performed regular review of financial documents.
- Everything rolled forward and reconciled.
- There is a quirk in the CPS journal system that back dates some entries and made it hard to reconcile this month. All entries were identified. The amounts of each entry were small.

Principal's Report

Zurawski presented a detailed report based on the five competencies. Report provided to LSC members. Additional discussions included:

- There were few school days between December and January LSC meetings so few new items to present. May want to consider changing LSC meeting dates in 2015-16.
- Winter NWEA/MAPP testing has started. Beginning with second grade in the computer lab. No issues reported. Students are shown a video about the test and how to use the computer before taking it.
- Will be MAPP testing through January 29. Will use data for student groups and assessing progress for reading and math.

- Spring NWEA/MAPP test will be used for promotion and evaluation to enter selective enrollment programs.
- Presented a draft of the letter to parents describing all standardized testing at Coonley. PARCC assessment details have not been finalized by the district.
- PARCC is expected to be administered as a paper and pencil test for grades 3 through 5 and on a computer for grades 6 through 8. This has not been finalized. Students may opt-out of PARCC test.
- Coonley was selected to administer the NAEP test to 4th graders. Students may not opt-out of test.
- Approximately 5 to 6 hours is allocated to each classroom for the PARCC test. Only one test is administered per day per student. Trying not to alter the daily schedule for the test.
- Federal and state funding is tied to the PARCC test and must be administered to 95% of students. Schools cannot selectively choose who may take tests. If administered to lower percentage of students, then a school's ranking may be affected.
- Teachers schedule their classes for the MAPP test and take into consideration field trips when scheduling.
- MAPP tests are also used for school evaluations, ratings, and rankings. In addition, MAPP tests are used for individual accountability of all educators.
- My School, My Voice survey now requires a minimum number of students and parents to take it.
- MAPP results won't be sent home with students until after the testing window closes. Expect to send home in February.
- Plan to have a school-wide look of MAPP data on 30 January, planned development day. Will use it to review effectiveness of curricular minute changes made in 2014-15. Will compare historical data, growth targets, and strength categories for evaluation.
- Families may choose to opt-in for fall MAPP test. Teachers have other tools used for assessing and grouping of students in the fall.
- Administration will encourage teachers to convey future testing dates for their classrooms through classrooms' individual websites.
- Six student teachers this year.
- Science Olympiad and Math Club started. Battle of the Books will begin later in January.
- Coonley Spelling Bee on 13 January.
- Science Fair was a big success. Worked well in the multi-purpose room. Amundsen students came out to judge.
- Kiln and supply cost is \$8,100 plus installation. Will be paid with previously allocated Pride Stride fundraising.
- No building engineer currently. Interim appointed engineer took another position. Will be going through the bid process again. Looking for someone who will take ownership of a large building and multiple systems.
- Building was cleaned well over the break.
- Want to take some field rental money to use for hand dryers in the bathrooms adjacent to the office. The wastebaskets typically overflow with paper towels during the day since it is used by over two hundred five and six-year olds.

- Homework policy over winter break was discussed. Typically, work isn't assigned over break. Students are encouraged to read during break. Some students may have been completing projects assigned before break. Administration and teachers will discuss to find a compromise and ensure consistency.
- Homework should be similar for all classrooms within a grade.

New Business

Internal Accounts Review and Approval

Evans reviewed internal accounts reports through December 2014 and provided a summary to LSC members prior to the meeting. All transactions and balances appeared reasonable. Motion made by Evans to approve December 2014 internal accounts reports and seconded by Mulderink. Motion passed unanimously.

Fund Transfers

No fund transfers for the month.

Fundraisers

Beta Club will be selling a selected flower for \$1 for Valentine's Day. They expect to raise \$300. Ms. Meegan is assisting with the fundraiser. Money raised will be for Beta Club. Motion made by Jenkins to approve fundraiser and seconded by Prendiville. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Amundsen

- High school spruce up day on 10 January 2015. Aldermen O'Connor and Pawar are providing supplies.
- One of four sites hosting city-wide IB informational meeting in January.
- Tentatively hosting field day on 26 April for all feeder schools.
- Parent mixer planned in late February/early March.
- New brochures are available.

Adjournment

At 7:05 PM, Mulderink made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bahrmassel, and passed unanimously.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by York Chan on 3 February 2015.