

Coonley Local School Council

3 March 2015 Meeting Minutes

LSC Members Present

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

LSC Members Excused

None

Mulderink called meeting to order at 6:01 PM with quorum established. Tocci arrived shortly after the start of the meeting.

Approval of February 2015 LSC Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Arts and Language (Metz)

- Cast of Annie established the previous day. First meeting of cast and families already held.
- Shows will be at Amundsen auditorium on May 29 (7 PM), 30 (2:30 PM), and 31 (12 Noon).
- 68 students are in the cast. Over 100 auditioned.
- Set design will start this week.
- 85 students are in the production.
- Mr. Wrzesinski will supervise stage crew starting in May.
- Many classroom performances in March and April. Notifications will be sent out to families.
- New kiln installed. Teachers had an opportunity to try the kiln during a professional development meeting.
- Band performance and show choir performances occurred last week.
- (Chan) Preliminary design concept for hanging mosaics and other art in annex entrance vestibule from field established.

Bilingual Advisory Committee (Zurawski)

Next meeting scheduled for March 13.

Continuous Improvement Work Plan (Storrie)

- Approximately 300 responses to the community survey.
- Committee met on February 17 to review the preliminary data
- Community forum will be held at 6:30 on March 10 in the gym. Results will be reviewed, trending topics identified, and action items discussed.

Facilities (Chan/Mulderink)

No meeting since last LSC meeting.

- Committee informally reviewed gym ceiling options, installation of basketball hoops on side walls of gym, and graffiti.

- Little Sluggers wants to rent the field during the week. They previously rented it on Saturdays. Coonley will have preferential use for after-school games. Welles Park will be offered dates not used by Little Sluggers or Coonley.
- Only one bid was submitted to install air conditioning in the gym. CPS will be re-bidding the project. The initial cost was higher than the budget by CPS.
- Lunch tables outside are still planned. Need to find tables that fit through the doors better.

Financial Review Monthly Report (Evans)

- Performed regular review of financial documents.
- Everything rolled forward and reconciled.
- Reconciled to January bank statement/internal accounts.

Friends of Coonley (Girardin)

- Working on Spring Fling
- Bottles and Cans beer tasting on March 11
- March 20 is deadline for classroom ads and early bird tickets
- Gift cards for restaurants still needed
- Volunteers still needed

Professional Personnel Leadership (Schultz)

PPL Committee met on Thursday, 26 February 2015.

- No formal information about PARCC testing
- Discussed cleaning issues in building
- Clarified Cougar Pride program

Parent-Teacher Organization (Zurawski)

- K-1 dance occurred. Very well organized and volunteers had the party cleaned up 30 minutes after the event ended.
- Lenore Skenazy, free-range parenting advocate, is speaking at Coonley soon
- Bowling at Waveland on March 21.
- Box Tops program submitted last week.

Special Education Committee (Zurawski)

No report

Technology (Jenkins)

Committee met on February 10.

- Coonley selected for Code.org program. March 12 is the orientation to the program for Ms. Zumpano, Mr. Z., and the involved teachers.
- iPads have been rolled out to grades KG through 4, including all apps.
- Evaluating Coonley website overhaul to new Weebly site. Suggestion to include the Google Translate widget on the site.

Local School Council Administrative Tasks

- Distribution of LSC Training Manuals to all members

- Training must be completed by April 30
- LSC Advisory Board (LSCAB) ballots available

Student Council (Foreman)

- Met on March 3
- Established four committees – Awareness, Cougar Pride, Events, and Talent Show
- 398 Paws, little Cs, and Big Cs distributed for Cougar Pride
- Ms. Durr explained how the Cougar Pride program works
- Website and Twitter account created
- Want to bring a talent show back to Coonley
- May organize a movie night

Principal's Report

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

- Fourth grade took NAEP testing
- Primary teachers completed mid-year reading progress monitoring tests
- February attendance over 97%
- 6th Grade student earned fourth place at citywide math competition.
- Math club to be expanded for the last competition. Science Olympiad competitors may join.
- 36% students of graduating students are accepted to selective enrollment high schools (8 Lane, 1 Whitney Young and 1 Northside). Also, 6 students accepted to Von Steuben and 1 to ChiArts.
- Grades 3-5 art show was successful
- Science Olympiad members won 23 medals at citywide competition. Coonley also received spirit award, which was voted on by other schools.
- History fair on March 31 will be judged by Lake View AP students
- Teachers had a chance to make coil pots with the new kiln
- Three teachers attended ELL conference
- Still trying to hire a new building engineer
- Working with a second sister school in Madrid
- Administrators have been attending many training meetings in preparation for next school year
- New budgeting system in CPS – Hyperion
- No timeframe for school budget
- Coonley had a state funding audit – funds 225, 320, and 326. One exception noted was a missing list of translators, which is now posted. Second exception is that the 225 funds is being spent at a rate slower than expected by the state. These funds can be rolled over to the following school year. Typically, Coonley rolls over \$40,000 to \$150,000 in 225 funds. No repercussions from the exceptions.
- Ms. Ortiz will retire this year
- Ms. Grant is subbing almost every day

New Business

Internal Accounts Review and Approval

Evans reviewed internal accounts reports through February 2015 and provided a summary to LSC members prior to the meeting. All transactions and balances appeared reasonable. Motion made by Evans to approve February 2015 internal accounts reports and seconded by Mulderink. Motion passed unanimously.

Fund Transfers

No fund transfers for the month.

Fundraisers

No fundraiser applications for the month.

PARCC Opt-Out Plans

- Students won't be in the testing room
- Students will be in a different room
- Students can read or work on projects and assignments
- Students will have their Chromebooks
- All students will get their enrichments with an adjusted schedule
- Currently 13 non-testers
- Only a letter is needed to opt-out. Letter should be addressed to the homeroom teacher or Mr. Zurawski.
- 60 to 75 minutes of testing for each day of testing
- PARCC not being used for promotion or entrance to selective enrollment schools
- MAPP test is being used for promotion and entrance to selective enrollment schools
- No plans established for a classroom where all students opt-out
- More reports are available for MAPP results

Public Participation

Foreign Language Instruction

- Concern about the effectiveness of the instruction
- Further discussions are planned at the community forum

Amundsen

- Plan for public events – luau, carnival
- Friends of Amundsen decompression session at Borelli's to discuss state of the school
- Track and field day at Winnemac Park in September

Lake View

Comcast is sponsoring a volunteer day to refresh 20 classrooms and gymnasium. This is being coordinated with Lake View High School Partners.

Adjournment

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

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by York Chan on 4 May 2015.