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**Local School Council Minutes**  
**CIWP Review Meeting**  
**April 24, 2012**

**Commencement**

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by John Ceisel.

**Present:** John Ceisel, Kathleen Andrade, Barry Rodgers, Vicky Andrews, Gail Myers Jaffe, Vicki McMannon, Cathy Quigley, Crystal Melto, Diane Monnich, Robert Albritton, Nicole Flores, Zobia Chunara

Mr. Ceisel reminded the council that this meeting was called to review the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP).

Mr. Ceisel described how the CIWP was similar to, and different from, the School Improvement Plan for Advancing Academic Achievement (SIPAAA).

In some ways, preparing the CIWP is much simpler than old process. There has been some streamlining. An Excel spreadsheet replaced the Oracle finance system document. The spreadsheet is much more flexible and easier to work with.

The CIWP is more of a living, breathing document: it is prepared and can be modified on a continuous basis. The plan that will ultimately be approved by the LSC and submitted will not necessarily be in its final form.

Preparation of the budget is now a separate process to be done concurrently with the preparation and submission of the CIWP.

This school year, the proposal for scheduling the newly mandated full school day, the CIWP, and the budget will be prepared, submitted, and approved at the same time. All three documents must be submitted for approval by CPS on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Working through the CIWP, there are different sections for evidence and evaluation, priorities and milestones, and a summary and approval sheet.

Different constituencies of the Northside community were represented by team members on the CIWP committee.

Goal setting included reviewing achieved test scores and suggesting goal scores.

Metrics for specific groups of students were considered in making predictions; overall, the view is still optimistic; the goals reflect a higher number of scores on the high end, and more scores on the low end.

Apparently, there are no specific repercussions if the goals set forth in the CIWP are not achieved.

The council discussed, and some members explained, the basis of the Common Core Standards: these standards have already been published for math and English; standards for science and world studies will be issued next. The CIWP goals emphasize providing for the needs of freshmen students because there is some bifurcation on the high and low end of incoming students' standardized test scores and selective enrollment admission point totals; also, the committee felt that freshman year is a pivotal year for all students. Some council members questioned the placement of that emphasis to the exclusion of other classes of students.

Priority 1: student support (concern: identifying and reaching all groups of students)

Priority 2: use of technology (concern: implementing testing policy effectively and in large numbers; according to Mrs. Andrews, neither the infrastructure nor the number of computers is sufficient for large-scale implementation of this testing, although Northside is better equipped than many CPS schools)

Priority 3: teacher practice

Question: How is the CIWP tied to the budget? The goals in the plan will require monetary support. Response: The budget and the CIWP are being developed concurrently, but there is only that loose correlation.

What happens next? The CIWP team will meet again to refine and finalize the goals stated in the plan. When the budget arrives on Thursday, the team will be looking to allocate those dollars. At the May LSC meeting, the council will approve the full school day proposal, the budget, and the CIWP.

The Leadership team has done significant work on the CIWP, and different groups have reviewed the document. Feedback is welcome.

## Adjournment

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. (see Motion #1).**

**Motion #:** 1  
**Motion made by:** Vicki McMannon  
**Seconded by:** Kathleen Andrade  
**Motion:** To adjourn the CIWP review meeting

## Record of Votes on Motion

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Vicky Andrews (staff)	X			
Zobia Chunara (student)	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>