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Local School Council Minutes
May 8, 2012

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by John Ceisel.

Present: John Ceisel, Kathleen Andrade, Barry Rodgers, Gail Myers Jaffe, Vicki McMannon, Diane Monnich

Absent: Vicky Andrews, Crystal Melto, Zobia Chunara

Guests: Ms. Schwegel, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Bernauer, Ms. Beinstein, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Geis, Ms. Moulton., Ms. O'Donnell, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Mellin

Approval of Agenda

To approve the amended agenda for tonight's meeting (see Motion #1)

Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes from the CIWP review meeting on April 24th, 2012 (see Motion #2)

To approve the corrected minutes from the previous regular LSC meeting on April 24th, 2012 (see Motion #3)

Student's Report

[none]

Principal's Report

- Mr. Rodgers received a budget summary from CPS, which he shared with the LSC.
 - There is an increase in Supplemental General State Aid (SGSA) and College Ready funding (normally used to purchase textbooks, desks, etc.) over last year. The SGSA numbers include a one-time deposit of over \$29,000. The number in the spreadsheet for SGSA is not subject to change.
 - Several cells in the spreadsheet remain empty (0 or TBD).
 - Northside currently stands to lose 2.8 faculty / staff positions, 5 positions school wide.
 - Mr. Rodgers has already been negotiating with CPS; he has been assured that CPS will try to work with Northside to return these positions to the school.

- The number of counselors has been reduced from 5 to 3. (We currently have 4 counselors plus Ms. Spillane.) Mrs. Monnich noted that with the large number of Northside students going to college, we need more counselors. Mr. Rodgers stated that he will strongly advocate for the restoration of the lost counselor positions.
 - Mr. Rodgers indicated that we are in a better situation compared to the same time last year, when Northside was down 9 positions. The information from downtown suggests that the intention is to maintain or increase the current level of funding to support the full school day. Currently Northside has been budgeted more money, but fewer positions.
 - With only 35% of Northside students receiving free or reduced lunch, the school will not be eligible to receive any greater amounts in discretionary funds.
- The approval of the budget and the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP), as well as the full school day proposal, must be completed today to be submitted to CPS by May 23rd. It will be possible to make some changes to the budget in the course of the next school year.
 - The bottom line for Northside is that the school will have to come up with the money to pay the salaries of any educational support personnel (ESP, including library and counseling office aides) whose positions might not be restored, to fund tutoring and summer programming (Mr. Lim's stipend was reduced), and to prepare the writing center for increased use.
 - There is a computer network fee for every computer on the network; since Northside has been working with CPS as a leader in technology in the district and throughout the city, the school is requesting a fee waiver from CPS.
 - To streamline technology costs, an e-mail is sent to the school every time a computer is not turned on for 60 days; Mr. Albritton suggested that some computers in the school can be "retired" to save money.
 - Mr. Rodgers stated that currently there is no "wobble room" in the school's budget: class sections are full (28 students), and there is no release time for department chairs; the administration has tried to be as creative as possible, but any more cuts at this point would be painful.
 - Everything, including class size, is subject to ongoing contract negotiations; with the publicized district-wide debt of \$600 million dollars, where is the money that we are being promised going to come from?
 - Walter Payton is in the same situation as Northside; Whitney Young's principal is still looking at their numbers.
 - The current projected enrollment at Northside for the 2012-2013 school year is 1075. Some special education students are included in this number: 11 (severe and profound) and 71 (schoolwide); 2 teachers allocated to severe and profound students; 4 others work in a co-teaching role to serve students throughout the rest of the school.
 - When will teachers know that their positions are affected; when will students know that their programs are affected? Last year, some teachers did not find out their situation until July; in "extreme budget situations" CPS has a lot of leeway. There has been a great deal of transition in the CPS budget office during the past few years, during difficult budget times. Also, the fact-finding commission established during teacher contract negotiations may work through August or September, so the wait could potentially be long.
 - **To approve SGSA funding allocations** as requested by Mr. Rodgers (see **Motion #4**)
 - Mr. Rodgers raised some issues of student discipline. There have been a couple of online incidents in which Northside students were not behaving according to code of conduct; any activity that directly affects the school community is in the purview of the school. Mr. Rodgers does not seek out these situations, but if the matter is dropped on the principal's lap, then intervention must occur. The intervention has been consistent; no grievances have been supported.
 - CPS has strengthened the cyber space policy to help students negotiate difficult situations online. Mrs. Andrade expressed concern about the legality of the position of CPS and interference with parental jurisdiction. Any inappropriate activities on school grounds, including advertising for party serving hard alcohol and collecting money on school grounds, is subject to disciplinary action from the school.

- Powerful speakers came in last week to talk to students about drunk driving: a victim, a leader from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); and a gentleman who accidentally killed a father of 6, lost his father's business, and was beaten to within an inch of his life until his mother intervened. His message to students was, "you can't be a little bit pregnant," and you can't be a little bit drunk. Mr. Rodgers stated that it is the school's intention to reinforce the values taught at home; the administration has been conscientious and consistent while addressing these issues.
- CIWP review: Mr. Rodgers guided the LSC through the CIWP document.
 - One stated priority is to align the curriculum (in math and English) to the Common Core Standards adopted by most states, including Illinois. The school will focus on freshman students and the use of X-Y periods, assessment analysis, and the SUCCESS program.
 - The school will continue to use technology to enhance instruction to keep up with outside world where technology is used predominantly. Assessments will more commonly be administered online. The school applied for an innovation grant to advance technology support and use during the X and Y periods next year. The administration has asked departments to dig deep to find appropriate and useful technology that is specific to their disciplines. The process is similar to searching through textbooks to choose the best one for a course; must do due diligence in the same manner with applications of technology.
 - The Teaching for Learning Framework promoted by CPS will be used to generate discussions between teachers and administrators, to guide professional development, to celebrate teachers' strengths and suggest areas where improvements can be made, to formalize and improve response to intervention (RTI) procedures to help struggling students, to examine teacher practice in the area of differentiated instruction. Northside has already stepped out to lead in the educational community, and the goal is to continue to do so.
- **To approve the CIWP** as prepared by the school committee (see **Motion #5**)
- **To approve the expenditure of \$6084** to pay for coaching stipends (softball, men's and women's lacrosse assistant coaches) from Friends money (see **Motion #6**)

Public Comment

- A representative from Friends will attend LSC meetings next year.

Teachers' Report

- Teachers and students alike are starting to increase their intensity level as evidenced by review sessions for AP exams. The teachers will be adjusting their schedules over the next couple of weeks to accommodate students who will be missing class to take AP exams.
- Everyone sees the light at the end of the tunnel; teachers, like their students, are ready for the summer break.

Committee Reports

➤ Finance

- The committee may recommend that student fees remain unchanged from last year as described in handout distributed by Mrs. McMannon.
- \$346,000 will be received by the school from fee income, with the approximately 700 students on free and reduced lunch already factored in.

- There should be a vote on school fees at the June LSC meeting.
- AP question: It has been rumored that some students taking AP classes are not taking the AP exam. What is Northside's policy? Taking the AP exam at the conclusion of an AP course is an expectation, but it is not an enforced policy at Northside; some people have opted out, and this has been allowed to happen periodically.
- Discussion: Funding through Friends is more flexible, and there are still many families who are struggling - should the student fees be increased? Which is the better option to fund the school? Other options include bus fees, athletic fees, etc. which are specifically defined so that the money goes to serve a specific purpose.
- **Friends**
 - Cubby Walk Kickoff happened, and all is well.
- **Parent Network**
 - Junior Book Awards is the next big event, followed by the Music Appreciation Dinner, and, finally, graduation.
 - Northside Parent Network representatives went to CPS and addressed the board, along with representatives from other schools, to express their concerns about the full school day.
- **Community Relations**
 - The committee is looking for posts on the bulletin board, and for more contributions to the EPIC. (Wednesday before Memorial Day is the deadline for submission.)
 - The EPIC is now online.
- **Principal Selection and Evaluation**
 - Mr. Ceisel and Mrs. Andrade met with Mr. Rodgers and went through some aspects of the most recent evaluation. The final report goes to Mr. Rodgers for one month before it is finally submitted to CPS.

Old Business

[none]

New Business

- Full school day for 2012-2013 school year
 - Start times were assigned to schools by CPS; Northside, fortunately, received an 8:00 start time.
 - The late start for colloquium is to encourage teacher professional development in the morning and rest for students; the start time on colloquium days will always be 9:25.
 - There is still work to be done with programming and staffing.
 - Input has been sought from teachers, as the X and Y periods still need to be managed logistically.
 - PE facilities will be open, and math tables and the writing center will be open; other possibilities still must be considered and decided. One goal continues to be to try to build in as much flexibility as possible.
- **To approve full school day schedule** as proposed in current draft (see **Motion #7**)

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance committee: TBD
- Friends of Northside: May 21ST
- Parent Network: June 8th
- LSC: June 12th

Agenda

To approve the standard agenda for next month's meeting, with the addition of school fees to New Business (see Motion #8)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (see Motion #9).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To approve the agenda for tonight's LSC meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	9	0	0	3

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by: Kathleen Andrade
Motion: To approve the minutes from last month's CIWP review meeting on April 24th

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	9	0	0	3

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Diane Monnich
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To approve the corrected minutes from the previous meeting on April 24th, 2012

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	9	0	0	3

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve SGSA funding allocations as requested

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	9	0	0	3

Motion #: 5
Motion made by: Robert Albritton
Seconded by: Diane Monnich
Motion: To approve the CIWP as prepared by the school committee

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	8	0	0	4

Motion #: 6
Motion made by: Robert Albritton
Seconded by: Diane Monnich
 To approve the expenditure of \$6084 to pay for coaching stipends (softball, men's and women's lacrosse assistant coaches) from Friends money

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	8	0	0	4

Motion #: 7
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by: Robert Albritton
Motion: To approve full school day schedule for 2012-2013 as proposed in current draft

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	8	0	0	4

Motion #: 8
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by: Kathleen Andrade
Motion: To approve the standard agenda for next month's meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	8	0	0	4

Motion #: 9
Motion made by: Nicole Flores
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To adjourn the LSC meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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
Total	8	0	0	4