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Local School Council Minutes
October 8, 2012

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Nicole Flores, Patrick Andrade, Kathleen Andrade, Joyce Knight, Barry Rodgers, Chris Caudill, Erick Howenstine, Janet Joseph, Faith Spencer, Suejen Chhay, Michael Coy, Vicky Andrews, Scott Baskin

Absent:

Approval of Agenda

Agenda for tonight's meeting approved (Motion #1).

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of meeting of July 16, 2012 were approved (Motion #2).

Student Report

Patrick Andrade reported that students are adjusting to the new school year and that the new x and y blocks are working out well. Students are using the time for a variety of activities, including homework. Freshman senator elections have been held, and there was an ice cream social for freshman last week. Patrick also provided an update on results from Northside's fall sports teams.

Principal's Report

Mr. Rodgers reported that Northside was a Children First site during the teacher strike, and about 15 students attended each day during strike. Resumption of classes after the strike was smooth, with everyone glad to be back in school.

The new schedule is being implemented, including the x and y blocks on Wednesdays. The school is working on a way for students to sign up online for the x and y blocks in the future, with the goal for those blocks to respect the whole student, and have those times be student directed.

Northside received data from ACT indicating that this year's graduating class data is the highest in the state of Illinois. The junior results from PSAE are the highest ever for Northside, and for that Northside received congratulations from the network chief. Northside also led the district in growth tracking each individual student. Last year 55% of juniors exceeded standards, while this year 62% of juniors exceeded standards.

Careers 2.0 (career day) is coming up, and the school has invited speakers with innovative career choices for a more modern career day.

The school calendar has changed again, so now graduation will be held on June 17, 2013.

The school has made the move to Google for email and other applications and it is working much better than the previous email client. The school plans to use Google calendar going forward on the web site once approval is obtained from central office. Mr. Rodgers acknowledged Vicky Andrews's efforts as a strong advocate for CPS and Northside in the area of technology. Northside is getting a wireless upgrade this year so the school will be ready for more even more enhanced technology tools and access next year.

The green initiative/Celestial Garden in back of the school continues to progress. The Ozinga company continues to donate services in building out the path and providing permeable concrete.

Mr. Rodgers discussed new faculty members and provided information on their background and qualifications.

Information was provided on the distribution of school fees, as well as an overview of anticipated funding requests for Friends of Northside for the year. The grant of supplemental state aid for Northside (SGSA funds) this year is \$301,000, resulting from a population at Northside of 35% of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Information regarding monies in internal accounts was provided. Mr. Rodgers proposed distribution of student fees and a request for funds from Friends of Northside. One of the funding requests to Friends of Northside is for the facilities position. The facilities director coordinates rental of space at Northside, which brings in funds to the school, in addition to which use of the building by outside groups after hours supports the security guard position, allowing students greater access to the building after hours as well. The teachers reported that the renovation of the faculty lounge (an effort led by parent Janet Joseph and funded with parent donations) was very well received and much appreciated.

Distribution of student fees approved (Motion #3).

Approval of request for funds from Friends of Northside (Motion #4).

Teacher Report

The teachers participated in good professional development activities in the week before the first day of classes for students. They are optimistic that the new evaluation system will help teachers develop their practice. The previous evaluation system had been in place for a long time and was somewhat limited in its approach.

The new x and y blocks seem promising.

Friends of Northside provided funds to lease new tablet computers for the teachers, and the teachers are very happy with the new equipment.

During an off-campus staff development members of the staff took a trip to the Art Institute to see resources it has to offer Northside students, followed by an innovation tour of downtown. It was a good opportunity to reflect on how to integrate that theme in to the school year. Teachers have also had department specific time for professional development which they appreciate. CPS has a new framework for instruction which has also been part of professional development.

Teachers noted that support during the strike from the community, students and parents was very positive. It was a smooth transition after the strike. Teachers hope that education issues raised during the strike will continue to be discussed.

Formation of Committees

The following LSC members volunteered to work on the following committees:

Finance Committee: Scott Baskin

Facilities Committee: Janet Joseph, Chris Caudill

Community Relations: Erick Howenstine, Janet Joseph

Principal Evaluation: Kathy Andrade

Friends of Northside Report

The next meeting is Oct. 16.

The Annual Appeal letter has gone out. The request is \$650 per family. Donations are welcome in any amount and the goal of the Annual Appeal is 100% participation of Northside families.

Parent Network Report

The next meeting is Oct. 10.

The Parent Network has a new web site. The International Night potluck was a great success. Chaperones are still needed for the dance this Friday, and 30 volunteers are still needed for the Open House on October 21. Janet Joseph is working on the student directory that will be distributed at report card pickup. Details for the annual Gala are being worked out and will be announced in the next few weeks.

Public Comment

A suggestion was made that self-defense classes be offered to students, perhaps during the x-y blocks.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be Monday, November 19, 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (Motion #5).

Motion #: 1

Motion made by: Kathleen Andrade
Seconded by: Janet Joseph
Motion: To approve the agenda for the meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Suejen Chhay (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)	X			
Janet Joseph (parent)	X			
Erick Howenstine (parent)	X			
Faith Spencer (parent)	X			
Joyce Knight (community)	X			
Chris Caudill (community)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Michael Coy (teacher)	X			
Vicky Andrews (staff)	X			
Patrick Andrade (student)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Total	13	0	0	0

Motion #: 2

Motion made by: Joyce Knight
Seconded by: Nicole Flores
Motion: To approve the minutes of July 16, 2012

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Suejen Chhay (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)	X			
Janet Joseph (parent)	X			
Erick Howenstine (parent)	X			
Faith Spencer (parent)	X			
Joyce Knight (community)	X			
Chris Caudill (community)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Michael Coy (teacher)			X	
Vicky Andrews (staff)			X	
Patrick Andrade (student)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Total	11	0	2	0

Motion #: 3

Motion made by: Janet Joseph
Seconded by: Vicky Andrews
Motion: To approve the allocation of student fees to activity, technology, department and special fee account lines.

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Suejen Chhay (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)	X			
Janet Joseph (parent)	X			
Erick Howenstine (parent)	X			
Faith Spencer (parent)	X			
Joyce Knight (community)	X			
Chris Caudill (community)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Michael Coy (teacher)	X			
Vicky Andrews (staff)	X			
Patrick Andrade (student)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Total	13	0	0	0

Motion #: 4

Motion made by: Vicky Andrews

Seconded by: Erick Howenstine

Motion: To approve requests for disbursements of funds from Friends of Northside

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Suejen Chhay (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)	X			
Janet Joseph (parent)	X			
Erick Howenstine (parent)	X			
Faith Spencer (parent)	X			
Joyce Knight (community)	X			
Chris Caudill (community)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Michael Coy (teacher)	X			
Vicky Andrews (staff)	X			
Patrick Andrade (student)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Total	13	0	0	0

Motion #: 5

Motion made by: Nicole Flores

Seconded by: Vicky Andrews

Motion: To adjourn

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			

Suejen Chhay (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)	X			
Janet Joseph (parent)	X			
Erick Howenstine (parent)	X			
Faith Spencer (parent)	X			
Joyce Knight (community)	X			
Chris Caudill (community)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)	X			
Michael Coy (teacher)	X			
Vicky Andrews (staff)	X			
Patrick Andrade (student)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Total	13	0	0	0