



LSC Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2017

Members Present: Beth Bazer, Rob Schnitz, Esteven Gonzalez, Keith Thomas, Laura Celesia, Ben Hosek, Brian Andersen, Steve McClellan, Allie Yasak, Terrell Autry and Nadia Gould (5:55pm)

Members Absent: Justin Altay

The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Mr. Schnitz.

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 10 and Special Budget Approval Meeting on July 25th were approved.

The new Chinese teacher, Ms. Jiang gave a short presentation of her background and of the Teachers of Critical Language Program (TCLP). She will conduct outreach to all LaSalle students during the year to show them aspects of Chinese culture and she will host an upcoming event at the Old Town Triangle Association. In addition, she is interested in learning as much as she can about America. Any parents who are planning any special trips, or events are encouraged to invite Ms. Jiang.

Discussion of LSC Sub-Committees ensued. Ms. Celesia will chair Principal Evaluation with the help of the rest of the LSC, Mr. Schnitz will chair CIWP with Mr. Hosek and Mr. Autry on as well, Ms. Yasek will Chair PPLC/ILT, and Mr. Thomas will chair a new committee with Mr. Anderson and Mr. McClellan to address community relations, alumni involvement and long-term planning. Part of that committee will look into improving the deteriorating asphalt play area with the addition of a turf field.

Dr. Bazer indicated that despite the fact that she has authority to make budgeted purchases under \$1,500 without prior LSC approval, a new CPS directive requires that money to be transferred first, which does require LSC approval. After brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Schnitz to give standing authority to the principal to make such budgeted transfers under \$1,500 without waiting for LSC approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. McClellan and passed.

Fundraising and School Usage requests were made including: FOL fundraiser for holiday decorations through Sherwood Forest Farms, the Scholastic Book Fair, continuing the LTS rental of our gymnasium twice a week, a private event to be held in our gym on October 28th (\$600 rental and COI will be provided) and a Girl Scout troop request to host a lemonade stand on September 26th (proceeds to go to troop expenses). A motion was made to approve all fundraising requests and school usage by Ms. Celesia, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. The motion passed.

Budget transfers and payments were raised by Dr. Bazer, including:

- \$22,990.00 – Rosetta Stone 2019-2021 (contract, P.O. and transfer)
- \$2,116.08 – CDW – Projector purchase
- \$6,500.00 – Camp Edwards
- \$6,800.00 – Scholastic Book Fair (Fall)
- \$6,800.00 – Scholastic Book Fair (Spring)
- \$300.00 – Custodial extended time

- \$4,956.78 – 7th & 8th grade novel purchase
- \$4,500.00 – Overseas Travel Reimbursements
- \$3,000.00 – Yellowstone Travel

Discussion of purchases ensued, with Dr. Bazer explaining that Rosetta Stone costs are more than doubling next year. She was able to negotiate with them to hold pricing for this purchase and to allow us to buy two more years (2019-2021 school years) now at current pricing, effectively saving the school close to \$30,000. A motion was made by Mr. McClellan to approve all transfers and payments, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and passed.

Principal Report – The 1st floor beautification efforts have made a huge impact. Orange Ruler fundraising efforts will continue to fund these projects. The second floor is planned for next year. Replacing completely opaque window shades, classroom painting, bathroom improvements and removing lockers from the second floor (assuming no environmental/ new tile costs) are also being considered. Parents and staff are encouraged to submit other ideas for beautification efforts.

CIWP – Work continues with MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) to provide assistance to students. Currently, the schedule is set up to allow teaching partners to come in to work with Tier II (needing some additional support) and Tier III (needing considerable additional support) students while their students are out at music/art/gym.

Open Forum – A parent (Ms. Peeples) raised the issue of office fairness after she came in without an appointment to see Ms. Miller and waited to talk to her, only to have another parent come in without an appointment go ahead of her. Ms. Miller indicated that when she waived the other parent in, she was unaware that anyone was waiting for her. Ms. Peeples went on to ask about the school policies concerning rules and discipline at after school functions after a specific incident at movie night. Discussion was held about how parents cannot rely on staff to oversee students in off-hours situations and that we should remind parents that they are responsible for their children at all times, particularly during non-school hours. Compliance with the school code of conduct is expected from all.

Another parent (Ms. Walker) raised concerns about how special education is being handled at the school and wanting to form an advocacy group. During a lengthy discussion, Ms. Gould explained that the LSC can't get involved with specific special education cases due to the privacy and confidentiality issues involved as well as our limited knowledge as parents who have no teaching, or special education training. Further discussion included comments that specific concerns need to be addressed through CPS and general concerns regarding administration can be given to the LSC as part of the principal evaluation process. Individual parents who want to form a support/advocacy group are welcome to do so and any events they would like to pursue to help educate the parent community will be given consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm