

## **Parameters for Participation in Lincoln LSC Meetings**

These rules were adopted by the Lincoln LSC on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Welcome to the Lincoln Elementary School Local School Council (LSC) meeting. Like all public bodies in Illinois, our meetings are open to the public except when we need to discuss confidential matters in closed session.

If you have a concern, we urge you to bring it first to the teacher or school principal prior to raising it with the LSC, unless you feel that it is an emergency. We also recommend that you submit comments and questions by email to the LSC chair so that the chair can provide the comments and questions in writing to LSC members prior to the meeting and, if warranted, add your issue to the agenda for LSC discussion. The LSC also encourages non-LSC members to join LSC committees. Email addresses for all LSC members are available at <http://www.lincolnelementary.org/lsc-members.html>.

If you would like to raise a matter with the LSC during public comment at our meetings, please consider the following rules that have been adopted by the LSC.

- The Lincoln LSC offers two to three opportunities during each regular business meeting for public comment with each opportunity lasting eight total minutes.
- Speakers will have two minutes each during each public comment opportunity.
- A speaker who speaks during one opportunity may speak during a subsequent opportunity only if other speakers who did not speak during a prior opportunity do not exhaust the time in the subsequent opportunity.

This policy does not prohibit the Lincoln LSC from deciding to hear additional public comments when the LSC decides such participation is necessary to its operations. It also does not prohibit the LSC from calling on members of the public to speak on issues on the agenda about which the members of the public have specific knowledge or expertise that the LSC decides would be helpful to its operations.

For the LSC to expedite business, it is important for the public to respect this policy. Thank you for your interest!