

**Minutes of the Abraham Lincoln Elementary  
School LSC Meeting**

Lincoln Elementary School Library  
615 W. Kemper Pl.  
Chicago, IL 60614  
January 14, 2020

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm by Lisa Barrow.

**Attendees:** Lisa Barrow, Andrea Okun, Nada Riley, Bobbi Gajwani, Chris Santiago, Greg Thompson, Kat Chairez, Mark Armendariz,

**Absent:** Lityc Kursinkal, Paula Dongas, Ashley Williams, Jackie Wernz

Approval of minutes: approved november and December minutes with noted changes.

**Principals report:**

**a. Calendar:**

1. Many kids were absent on January and 3<sup>rd</sup> (about 400 out of 1000) due to changing of calendar that resulted from the strike
2. 1/15 – PTA career fair
3. 1/24 – Friday – International Festival
4. 1/29 and 1/30 – PTA book fair
5. 1/30 – open house for current students (time for kids to show off building to their families)

**b. Staff notes -**

1. KG assistants started
2. Spec. ed assistant started
3. New spec education teacher starting this week
4. Miss Wooten returned from maternity leave
5. Dana Sands, 6<sup>th</sup> ELA/SS teacher went out on maternity leave, 1/21 is the first day of leave, 2 of 3 who applied do not have proper certification, if need be Mark put Cindi Gerber in the position.

**c. Budget – no update.**

**d. CIWP – new process for 2020-2022 academic years, set out certain goals, need LSC, faculty and parent members**

**e. Grants- no updates**

**f. Professional development –**

1. Holocaust museum
2. Spec ed PD

**g. Board policies and initiatives –**

1. School quality rating report for 2019-2020 year - Mark is concerned about low scores for diverse learner growth in reading and math. Mark attributes the low

scores to lack of staff. We have to make sure that the teachers are focused on specific goals in IEP and not homework or test prep. Lincoln is out of compliance with requirements on teachers. Cannot fill the the special ed position because it is temporary and so no one is interested. Mark will determine the amount needed to fund a pro rata spec ed teachers to see if we can fund it through FOL.

### **Public participation**

Parent stating that case manager says she is not empowered to enforce or monitor that teachers are following their minutes or that goals of IEP are being met. There are two types of case manager – those with spec ed training and those without. Our case manager is not qualified to ensure IEP's are being met, she is a facilitator. Parent saying there is systemic problem with communication and access and we need to better address the needs of the spec. ed population. Principal Armendariz discussed that with over 1000 kids, there is a need for 2<sup>nd</sup> asst principal who has a background in spec. ed. However, asst principal is not funded by CPS. Right now asst principal is funded out of Lincoln's budget. Suggestion was made to have parents call ODLSS to push on getting an end date so we can have better success filling the spec. ed position. Suggestion made to scrap the link and have each family to send out newsletters. Mark working to get report on the air quality of the school and any detection of radon in the lower level of the building. Outside vendor gave quote of \$3300.

### **Committee reports**

- a. Budget – no update
- b. Building, traffic and safety -
  - a. Door #6 in back of parking lot is out of commission, repairs ongoing
  - b. 1 water fountain needed to be cleaned out
- c. Communication – updated until October 2019, missing September, possible new website
- d. Curriculum/PPLC – concern about kids that are chronically late and absent, checking to see if CPS has a policy. Looking for more PD for science and math training around new curriculums. For online science modules under new curriculum, it seems when you complete the training, you get a score but there is no feedback. PPLC is a group of teachers elected by teachers.
- e. Diversity and inclusion – no update (kat left)
- f. Organizations and LSC outreach– no update (Litcy out)

### **Public participation –**

**Suggestion that gen ed teachers get PD around identifying those who may need special education**

**Adjourned 8:01 pm**