

**Minutes of the Abraham Lincoln Elementary
School LSC Meeting**
Lincoln Elementary School Library
615 W. Kemper Pl.
Chicago, IL 60614
November 12, 2019

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm by Lisa Barrow.

Attendees: Lisa Barrow, Andrea Okun, Nada Riley, Bobbi Gajwani, Lityc Kursinkal, Chris Santiago, Greg Thompson, Kat Chairez (came at 6:31 pm), Mark Armendariz, Jackie Wernz,

Approval of minutes: Nada made motion to accept October minutes with unanimous approval.

Principals report:

a. Calendar:

1. Report card pick up on November 13, 2019
2. Grade 6 wax museum – cancelled due to strike , November 15th
3. Prospective tour on Friday 11/15 at 9:15 am
4. Thanksgiving Fest – Friday 11/22, changing this year
5. Proposed make up days – Wednesday November 27th, January 2nd and 3rd, June 17th and 18th.

b. Staff notes

1. 3 teacher assistant positions - 1 has been hired (Paula Dongas who used to work at Lincoln), 2 others identified with offers pending
2. Lana Wardak – new 1st grade teacher, begins classes 11/15. 6 kids removed from each class and moved to her class. Her class will have 24, and reduce #'s in other classes.
3. Theresa Wooten returning 12/13.
4. District is giving us a 5th special ed teacher and 2 paraprofessionals pursuant to our appeal so we will be in compliance. Right now we have a temporary position, but nobody is applying for that.

c. Budget – to be discussed later in new business

d. CIWP – no update

e. Grants- no updates

f. Professional development – training for new phonics for K-2 (Foundations)

g. Board policies and initiatives – Mark sent an email about sibling policy – relevant for those accepted by lottery and those enrolled at Lincoln with siblings elsewhere.

1. Jimm Dispensa – Mark followed up with Jimm but hasn't heard back, he never mentioned that there would be a change.

Committee reports

- a. Budget – when presenting budget, has to be done during the open meeting. Cannot send questions over email since can violate open meetings act.

- b. 3 funding items to discuss:
 - 1. Special Ed –Kat made a motion to accept \$9,149.2 that cps has made available to use for subs for teachers to attend IEP and 504 meetings. Roll over money isn't always available at start of the school year. Unanimous approval.
 - 2. Rollover funds from grant line - \$85,172.44.
 - i. Gifted program is ending at the end of this year so will lose \$250,000 for 2 teacher salaries and benefits.
 - ii. Anticipate that parents may not be as generous with giving this year due to strike.
 - iii. So put it towards teacher salaries and benefits that were funded by FOL. Unanimous approval
 - 3. \$39,000 - Left from teacher assistant line. Andrea made a motion, Nada. 8 in favor. 1 in abstention due to the fact that the member wanted to get more information about the money allocation to specific clubs and the selection processes of one club over the other in getting such allocations.
 - i. \$6100 - 2 software programs for MTSS.
 - ii. \$6000 for Drama club, have historically spent between 6,000 and 12000 on drama club. Historically funded by OST and CPS.
 - iii. \$7000 on teacher extended day
 - iv. \$19,900 –smartboards and technology
- c. **Building, traffic and safety**
 - 1. Auditorium renovations completed
 - 2. Kiln is in place.
 - 3. Scoreboard was installed
 - 4. Working on traffic issues during pickup and dropoff - lots of cars parked in alley behind school
 - 5. Painting in interior of building – happening in December.
- d. **Communication –**
 - 1. September minutes - Discussion of what occurred at mtg and plan to recirculate minutes
 - 2. Discussion about whether to run a Twitter account. The potential use of FB page. Send out an agenda as an attachment to the principal's digest. Concern about overloading people with various sources. Improve website. Discussion of what we knew before CPS rep appearance at last LSC meeting (**not sure what this means**)
- e. **Curriculum/PPLC –**
 - 1. French camp. Discussion of history of French camp. PPLC finds the program to be foundational. Mark discuss serious concerns with security with rise in sizes. Proposal to discuss next month with agenda item after considering LSC's role in decision.
 - 2. Discussion of how teachers are instructed to handle absences for religious holidays, assignments immediately after holidays. Mark said notice is communicated to faculty/paraprofessionals that students are to be excused for holidays.
- f. **Diversity and inclusion –** survey update: drafted, mark reviewed. Discussed additions to address gifted students, socioeconomically diverse individuals, etc. Kat will send survey to those wanting to provide feedback.
- g. **Organizations and LSC**

1. FOL – Nov 14th telethon, March 6th – auction party
2. ALESMA – upcoming concerts

Meeting adjourned 8:26 pm.