

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

Lincoln Elementary School Library

615 W. Kemper Pl.

Chicago, IL 60614

December 10, 2019

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Lisa Barrow.

Attendees: Lisa Barrow, Andrea Okun, Nada Riley, Bobbi Gajwani, Lityc Kursinkal, Chris Santiago, Greg Thompson, Kat Chairez, Mark Armendariz, Jackie Wernz, Paula Dongas

Approval of minutes: November minutes will be approved at next meeting since were missing a portion of notes as secretary had to leave early from meeting.

Principals report:

a. Calendar:

1. Change in school calendar due to strike – Winter Break will end on Jan 1, there will be school on Jan 2 and 3rd, 2020.
2. Out of school time (OST) classes start Monday – notification and registration sent out via email. There is strong demand with over 500 students for K-3 for after school classes.

a. Staff notes -

1. Hired special education assistant started January 2
2. 3 teacher assistants for 3 KG rooms starting Jan 2
3. There is a 3-4 week window from the time CPS notifies principal that FMLA has been approved to the time that new candidate can be hired.

b. Budget – no update.

c. CIWP – will notify us in January of new procedures for AY's 2020-2022

d. Grants- no updates

e. Professional development –

1. training for new phonics for K-2 (Foundations),
2. Two of three special education teachers have been attending district-offered training on lesson planning, behavior charts, and other strategies for diverse learners (Hernandez and Mitchell)
3. Amplify training - - 7th grade science teacher attend. Loyola University now offering more PD for teachers K-8 on implementing Amplify Workshops. She says these are high quality and will send along the information so others can attend.
4. NWEA testing grade 4 yesterday, grade 3 today, continuing this week.

f. Board policies and initiatives –

1. School quality rating - gave to faculty at last meeting, will present that to LSC in January (SQRP) growth and achievement of NWEA based on last year's performance.
2. GO CPS – 78% participation rate vs 85% for Lincoln, Mark working with counselor to figure out why participation rate is not higher,
3. LSC election information sent out in newsletter.
4. At this time, there are no plans for restructuring enrollment for AY 2020-2021. Mark said he could accommodate 4 more classrooms – library, computer lab, one room across library and another potential room.

Committee reports

- a. Budget – no update
- b. Building, traffic and safety -
 - a. Custodial staff doing repairs, dec 23rd- planned painting
- c. Communication – website to be updated with October 2019 minutes
- d. Curriculum/PPLC – no updates
- e. Diversity and inclusion – plan to get survey out though timing hasn't been decided yet,
- f. Organizations
 - a. **EFAC** –
 - i. Thanksgiving Bistro raised \$6300, all funds went to PTA, 3x more than
 - ii. 12/13 – French cine club
 - iii. Next Thursday – EFAC board meeting,
 - b. PTA – Thanksgiving Fest raised \$10,000, 1/24 – international festival, looking for chair for sports, noon hour,
 - c. FOL –raised \$230,000 to date with contributions from 250 families, goal is \$350,000 before the strike, March 6th – live auction party
 - d. ALESMA –
 - i. Thursday 12/12 – Winter band concert

Old Business (had been discussed in November meeting)

- a. French camp has been cancelled – Mark has some concerns around French camp around size and safety and discussed in October meeting. There are about 150 kids. Mark talked to asst vp, director of EFAC, and law dept in summer. Explored other options of sponsors, including EFAC but as EFAC is not recognized by the board, cannot sponsor. Opinions have been heard by the 4 schools within a school, staff feels they have been heard, and feel it is ultimately up to parties close to the event to discuss. PPLC feels it is in the best interest of the school to follow the administration's decision. Director of the French camp feels the decision to cancel was not fairly vetted. 6 to 1 parent to student ratio was always maintained as that is a requirement by CPS. Parent participation -1 parent who used to be at Lincoln advocated on behalf of French camp, another current parent advocated that we reconsider and see if we can find a way to enable French camp to happen as they feel that French camp has been an integral part of the Lincoln school tradition and though school is getting bigger.
- b. Student absence policies – how to handle student out for extended periods of time, want to put on PPLC agenda,

- c. Diversity survey – addressed earlier

New Business

- e. Public participation format – Mark suggested adding public participation throughout meeting. Jackie to synthesize comments made around potential parameters and how best to incorporate public participation.

Public participation –

1. participant commented that someone at the end of the block not putting salt and it is dangerous. LSC Suggested that she go to alderman with complaint.
2. Teacher participant – commented on the changes at Lincoln and that over the years, the school has changed in ways that are not for the better. Asked to keep the concept of The Lincoln Way. Easy way is not always the best way. Sentiment that people do not want to participate because they feel their opinion is not valued.
3. Another participant made the suggestion that 6 minutes for public participation is not enough.