

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

Zoom
615 W. Kemper Pl.
Chicago, IL 60614
April 21, 2020

Call to order: Meeting called to order around 6:05 pm by Lisa Barrow.

Attendees: Lisa Barrow, Andrea Okun, Lityc Kurisinkal, Nada Riley, Chris Santiago, Kat Chairez, Mark Armendariz, Paula Dongas, Ashley Williams

Bobbi Gajwani joined at 7:15p

Chris Santiago left at 9:00p

Absent: Greg Thompson and Jackie Wernz

Approval of minutes: March minutes approved with changes

Motion to move into closed-door session for principal review.

The committee moved into closed-door session around 6:15p.

The committee moved out of closed-door session at 7:15p.

Principals report:

Calendar:

- a. Mark has received varied feedback regarding level of work. CPS provided guidance – 90 minutes of doing work for the day, 6th grade is 180 minutes,
- b. Staff notes - Ms. Andrews, 5th grade teacher, is out sick. Teachers and Mark are pitching in to maintain required minutes for her.
- c. Budget – discussed later
- d. CIWP – 4 teachers who want to join CIWP so hopefully we can meet next Monday
- e. Grants- no updates
- f. Professional development – Joe, tech coordinator, has sent out to PD to the district regarding distance education, integrating our content into technology
- g. Board policies and initiatives –
 1. Accelerated placement final round is take the test, testing has been postponed
 2. Heard nothing about Q4 grading, graduation, or budget.
 3. Board is working hard with how to figure out grading, not taking daily attendance but to track participation through various ways – submitting an assignment online or attending a Google meets. Every Friday Mark has to compile the tracking – perhaps develop a committee to get the small handful
 4. Distributed 250 chromebooks to k-8 students, very organized process, still have a few that haven't been picked up. If someone needs one, can contact Mark and still get one.

5. End of school year is June 18 – online learning will take place through then
6. Some grades have schedule of google meets, some don't. working to get detailed schedule. Some feedback that the google meets time is being spent on technology vs instruction, not even review. We want to make sure that students are receiving instruction via google meets. Possibly send surveys to each grade.

Public participation

Can teachers record instruction

Some feedback – lack of consistency with e-learning across grades

Committee reports

- a. Budget
 - a. FOL board has to agree how much money to give LSC. FOL didn't have 3rd fundraising, Fun Run.
 - b. The ask is \$665,000. In the FOL bank there will be \$430k (including \$97k carryover) raised this year as well as unspent monies, which would leave a \$235k shortfall. This year we raised 430k.
 - c. Phonathon takes place in the beginning of the year, which typically raises \$290,000 so should be fine assuming that giving
 - d. We received CPS enrollment projection of 1002, currently have 1007. As is allowed, Mark appealed for 1044 students, this is pre-coronavirus projection. Last week CPS said they granted the appeal. Normally this good but a lot of the families we get are international so with coronavirus, Mark is worried about meeting projections. Last year funding per child was $\$4200 * 42 = \$176,000$ additional funding in our budget since CPS is frontloading. If we don't have the enrollment, we have to remit the money back on the 10th day of school based on our enrollment.
 - e. We also have to fund 2 IB teachers in the amount of \$250,000 which have been funded by CPS.
 - f. Voted on asking FOL for 665,000 for teacher salaries and benefits and copiers. Unanimously approved. It should be our priority to spend the CPS money first and then FOL.
 - g. CPS funding does not roll over to next year.
- b. Building, traffic and safety -
 - a. Approval for bump outs on Fullerton going east and west at Geneva Terrace (alderman)
 - b. Approval for installation of a blind spot mirror on the alley in back of the school going east
- c. Exterior masonry work still in progress –
- d. Deep cleaning of school
- e. pipes that are in the crawl space beneath the building have been removed of asbestos. This is all beneath the school building and is completed. After that comes the air quality testing. The total project should be done by end of next week.
- f. "Radon levels ranged from <0.3 to 0.5 pCi/L in 3 classrooms tested. These levels are considered acceptable, and well below the Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L established by EPA."

- g. Air quality study - our latest information from Ben Weiss re the EPA IAQ assessment (back in early March): "In about two weeks you will receive a report that summarizes the issues we identified along with recommendations to address them. Overall the building is in very good condition and there were no issues of immediate concern. A few weeks after you receive the report we will schedule a short conference call to answer any questions and determine if any issues have since been remedied. Please note that we will include all current issues and concerns even if it was mentioned that they will be addressed in the near future."
- h. Communication – everything updated
- i. Curriculum/PPLC – have not meet as a PPLC virtually so no update
- j. Diversity and inclusion –
 - a. survey – 167 responses, but can only access 100. It costs \$200 but as a non-profit can get access for less.
 - b. Main takeaways – race and ethnicity received highest rating, accelerated and diverse learning received the worst scores
- k. Organizations and LSC outreach–
 - a. EFAC –provided distance learning plan

Public participation

Question about possibly still doing a fundraiser despite the shelter in place

FOL discussed doing a read-a-thon – but are wary as are asking parents to keep donations despite not receiving their auction party

New business

School fees – about \$100 per child, raised about \$84,000. Mark suggesting keeping it at \$100 for now. Passed unanimously.

Building usage for events and also fundraising. Cine club, EFAC holding gallet de rois, champs de lours, PTA book fair, FOL parent/son dance, FOL parent/daughter, FOL jr night event, LAPS for Lincoln, Phon-a-thon, PTA thanksgiving fest, Chess-Ed, J at school before and after care and enrichment including lunch recess monitors and 15% for revenue sharing. Andrea made a motion and unanimously approved.

Adjourned 9:33 pm.