

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

Lincoln Elementary School Library
615 W. Kemper Pl.
Chicago, IL 60614
September 10, 2020

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm

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

Absent: Gregory Thompson

Approval of minutes: June and July minutes approved with changes

Principals report:

Calendar:

- a. Over the summer and as of today, 162 students transferred – to a variety of places, out of state, private schools, etc.
- b. 931 students, Enrollment projection of 1044 had been approved which gave \$195k additional funds but that will have to be taken back by the board since did not meet that projection but we did not spend that money
- c. Only 27 out of 931 kids not in attendance on 1st day of school
- d. Got a total of 43 phone calls on 1st day of school asking for advice on how to get connected – Joe was in the main office and addressed those inquiries
- e. Loaned out 427 chromebooks to date
- f. 3 students who are participating in accelerated program – 2 in English and 1 in math
- g. 71 kindergartners – 50 less than last year
- h. Go CPS – counselor met with 8th grade families
- i. Mark will be meeting with team and teachers and families
- j. New website

Professional development – CPS offered Googlepalooza – most of our teachers attended.

Staff notes

Open positions

1. Special ed teachers – still temporary position – nobody wants that because can't give end date
2. Mrs. Gerber is still in Asst principal position right now and haven't advertised for that yet given how busy Mark is so looking to get someone with special ed experience, mark has spoken to many network chiefs and
3. FOL is contributing 700k this year, have to raise about \$110k to make up the shortfall
4. 3 roles paid by the board – principal, clerk and counselor

Board policies and initiatives

- a. CPS offered Googlepalooza – most of our teachers attended.

Public participation

Will we be short on minutes?

We will be able to meet all of our minutes even without the spec ed teacher

Concern how Mark is going to manage all the case loads

Ms. Stoughton is no longer the case manager

Committee reports

- a. Budget – only allocated 40k of \$195k money for JCC but since we don't need that.
- b. Building, traffic and safety -
 - a. No update
- c. Communication – Andrea needs access and will work with Hillary for constant contact
- d. Curriculum/PPLC –
 - a. spent a lot of time on hybrid model,
 - b. 5th - 8th, language arts and social studies are combined humanities based curriculum, e.g. choose a novel during that time period, do document based question – e.g. read Frederick Douglas memoirs and then write about that. Integrate social studies and writing which enhances learning. But board said that they will have to divide social studies and language arts.
 - c. specialty class- right now only doing one for this semester, will re-evaluate for 2nd term because specialty teachers spent a lot of time on curriculum last year and students didn't do the work, rotation wasn't successful so maybe offer all of them but only one at a time
- e. Diversity and inclusion –
 - a. Looking to include African American population in addition to diverse learner in CIWP
 - b. Continue to have engagement with parent led diverse learner group to discuss remote learning plans
 - c. Equity fund – for families at Lincoln who need assistance
- f. Organizations and LSC outreach–
 - a. PTA – new president, Christine Kelly, new executive board, trying to transition to new remote environment, will have PTA website for fundraising, www.Lincoln-PTA.com
 - b. ALESMA – 2 lessons per week, full band lesson and group lesson, offering monthly billing
 - c. EFAC – online classes started, able to offer all program offerings, thank Mark for enabling that
 - d. FOL 9/16 meeting and will bring phone-a-thon

Public participation

Katrine Jackson - Parent of diverse learner – reached out to LSC but haven't been able to set up a meeting with Mr. Armendariz but families haven't received remote learning

Urge LSC to support diverse learner community

Old business – none

New business – sending virtual candidate forum, normally election held in Spring, however current LSC stays in place until January, remote election in November and prior to that has been a candidate forum – has to be between 10/19 and 10/30, deadline for applications is October 2nd Andrea will check if she can send an email regarding the meeting on the 8th and then will set meeting between 19th and 30th.

Public participation – parents indicating we need remote learning plans. Feel it was poor communication indicating that Ms. Stoughton is no longer case manager and that Mark will be doing that. Ms. Stoughton became a 3rd grade teacher.

Parents want remote learning plans for their kids which haven't been distributed yet

In response, principal feels we are addressing the minutes, hired 2 new diverse learner teachers who are veteran teachers and we are able to meet the minutes

What is a remote learning plan – the whole team – parent, teacher, principal need to be there.

The reason we couldn't start is Mark needed to know who the responsible domain/team is, next step is to meet with social worker and psychologist, and then start developing the plans

If can hire case manager to be vice principal – that is a win/win

But some parents feel that while it would be great to have an asst vp who has expertise in special education, we still need a case manager, concerned that it will be hard for Mark to handle this Mark needs parents to communicate with him, meeting with diverse learner parents was very productive

In October, through google meet, cps is pushing out breakout rooms, which allows teacher to create separate breakout room.

Adjourned 8:21 pm