

**Skinner North LSC Meeting**  
**Minutes of LSC Special Meeting on**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:30 PM virtually**  
**Minutes were approved as read/as approved on 6/16/2021**

1. Call Meeting to Order

a. IE called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

2. Roll Call/Quorum Established at 6:34 pm

LSC Member Attendance

("X" signifies attendance; "L" Indicates late arrival - notate time of arrival, "D" indicates early departure - notate time of departure)

x	Katie Magnuson (KM1) – Principal	x	Jackie Wernz (JW) - Parent
x	Mark Calaguas (Community)	x	Chirag Shah (CS) - Parent
x	Diamond Baker (DB) - Parent	x	Mattea Walsh (MW) - Teacher
x	Marjorie Baltazar (MB) - Parent	D	Pablo David (Community)
x	Morgan Jones (MJ) - Parent	x	Priyah Shah (PS) - Teacher
x	Ismael El-Amin (IE) - Parent	x	Gloria Morales (GM) - Non-Teaching

3. Motion to approve recording of the virtual meeting

MJ introduced motion to record the virtual meeting, MW seconded, unanimous vote to approve.

4. Motion to approve agenda

GM motion to modify #6 to include a closed session for the discussion of principal evaluation, MJ seconded.

Modified: JW motion to move principal report and committee reports to before the closed session and before public session, MB modified motion to move the principal report and committee reports to before the public participation, JW seconded, unanimous vote.

MJ motion to approve agenda as amended, GM seconded, unanimous to approve.

## 5. Public Participation

Parent A asked for comments from staff members on the LSC.

Parent A asked about technology in the classroom, and particularly about students using technology such as Youtube in the classroom and, when attending school in person, student use of individual devices and headphones, which leads to difficulty in navigating to correct locations on the laptop and students being on programs they are not.

PS said that she wants to ensure that the students at home have the same experience as the kids who are in person. Students do not have to log on to the Meets in the classroom. Suggested inquiring about whether students can use workbooks.

MW said that most of her class came back and so she was required to figure out things in a way that would not necessarily work for everyone.

PS has had situations where students will go onto Youtube. She has to tell him to not to. Talk to the teacher and ask if there are paper opportunities to complete things on paper.

MJ said that the way he heard the question was are there best practices in the school that allow for students to not have to be on their computer when they are in person. MJ thought that KM had talked about that and that MW mentioned that might be possible. Can that happen or at a certain grade level do they need to be on that?

KM said they are doing strategy shares. Needs are different in different classrooms.

PS said that at Blaine a high percentage of students have come back so they have used less technology in person. For her personally, she does not want to use a setup where she is walking around the room because it diminishes the ability to work with remote kids.

DK reported that on fourth grade, because one teacher has returned there has been less technology. We are standing behind giving our teachers grace. One teacher has just come back to school. Making that shift to using less technology will grow with time. Teachers will be given an opportunity soon to have help with setting up new technology (this Friday).

JW asked how a student can access support if their student is not thriving in the environment/with the technology. KM explained that students who have 504 and IEP plans may receive supports that way. Two push in staff also push in to help. Parents can reach out to the classroom teacher, the case manager, and KM and DK.

MJ asked if the staff can be asked if it is pervasive that students are accessing inappropriate supports. And ask Mr. Santillon if we can firewall Youtube while letting teacher access it. MW said if a middle schooler wants to find a way to get on Youtube they will find a way.

Parent asked whether there would be communication about what the parental expectation is/will be going forward for the use of technology. Parent also noted that during lunch students were being allowed to watch Youtube without limit. KM said that parents should talk with teachers during upcoming parent/teacher conferences during or with the administration to set expectations. DK said that the administration will take care of the Youtube at lunch issue.

## 6. Principal's Report

[See attachment]

The last ILT meeting focused on professional development planning aligned to the CIWP. Thinking about what resources, support, and time teachers need to have in the building.

School improvement day on April 16 will include review of data looking at grades and attendance for students. Goal is to identify what plans or interventions do we need to create for kids who are off track or need more social emotional support. Also allowing time to plan for return for more students in Q4.

We really want family input on what to do for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.

On Wednesday meetings, teachers share on strategies and what is working for them. The last meeting included addressing how to engage students more and how to set up the classroom to improve home-school connection and connection with in-class learners.

For Earth Day there are plans for a number of activities, including those at school.

The Diversity committee reached out to and is working with students on International Fest planning. KM thanked the diversity committee for this connection.

KM thanked the Diversity committee for planning Anti-Asian-American Racism Listening Session. About 25 people came to the event and was an important opportunity for a safe space to talk about this important issue.

KM gave a shout out to all families who are coming in person for working on meeting requirements including the home screener.

KM covered the upcoming dates and reminded parents that the FOSN elections are coming up and this is a great way to get involved.

KM reported that we have not received communication about acceptance timelines for new students.

KM gave a shout out to DK for all of his hard work as our AP and to GM for her hard work as our school clerk.

MJ asked about the demographics for return to school. Asked whether steps are being taken to ensure that students who are staying at home are having an excellent experience. KM explained that this will remain a focus for Q4.

JW asked about efforts to get more parents back involved in the school. KM described that there have been outreach efforts to classes in lower grades. LSC discussed options for getting together. FOSN explained that there have been no responses to serve as officers.

## 7. Committee Reports

- Wellness: None
- CIWP Committee: See principals report. MJ asked how many people are on that committee. The last check in it was just KM and DK there. But they leveraged the ILT as well which has 9 staff members from a variety of background. Originally when we created the CIWP we had parent members and student focus groups. Right now we are in a stage where we are progress monitoring. MJ said when the CIWP was developed currently the CIWP committee was a diverse group but now it is limited, mostly teachers. KM said that is correct but that we are in monitoring so we do not have a formal committee set up. When we have a formal committee for creation we think about not just having parents/students involved but also race, diverse learners, etc.
- Diverse Needs Committee: Reach out to [dsritchee@cps.edu](mailto:dsritchee@cps.edu) to be connected to a family that is doing hybrid learning. Seeking volunteers to help with projects.

## 8. Closed Session to discuss Evaluation

GM motion to go into closed session, MB seconded, unanimous vote.

## 9. Vote to Approve Preliminary Score for 2020-2021 Principal Evaluation

MJ motion to approve the preliminary score, GM seconds, unanimous other than MC abstained.

## 10. LSC Chairperson Report

IE mentioned hope to increase cohesion of the group: parents, staff, teacher. They are sending their daughter back on Monday of next week. Want to make sure we keep some open dialogue. Want to make sure on LSC, FOSN, or school side to have feedback. Teacher side as well. JW asked if we could do a survey a couple weeks in. KM said that we have done student surveys but we can do that. She did focus groups earlier in the year as well. They had their session this morning and were able to answer questions.

IE mentioned low volunteerism among parents and hope we get back to status we were a year and a half ago.

## 11. Old Business

Room parent coordinator will handle teacher appreciation.

## 12. New Business

None

J @ School – we are going to renew for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We don't need a transfer.

IE asked if the numbers adjust. KM said we have 1 person per classroom. We have full coverage.

MW will send evaluation materials to the group.

## 13. Adjourn

MJ motion to adjourn, CS seconded, unanimous.