

Skinner North LSC Meeting
Draft Minutes of LSC Special Meeting on
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:00 AM virtually
Minutes were approved as read/as approved on 11/22/21

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - IE called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Roll Call/Quorum Established at 8:05 pm – with current members
 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 (KM) – Principal		
X	Derrick Kimbrough (VP) – Vice Principal		
L (8:30)	Diamond Baker (DB) – Parent	X	Mattea Walsh (MW) - Teacher
X	Marjorie Baltazar (MB) – Parent	X	Priya Shah (PS) - Teacher
	Morgan Jones (MJ) – Parent	X	Gloria Morales (GM) - Non-Teaching
X	Ismael El-Amin (IE) – Parent		Pablo David (PD) – Community
		X	Mark Calaguas (MC) - Community

3. Motion to approve recording of the virtual meeting
 - PS introduced motion to record the virtual meeting, GM seconded, unanimous vote to approve.
 - Recording started
4. Motion to approve agenda
 - MW introduced a motion to approve the agenda, PS seconded, unanimous vote.
5. Approval of Minutes from prior meeting(s)
 - Minutes from organizational meeting not available for review
6. Public Comment
 - None
7. LSC Parent Vacancies

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- IE: Vacancy created by JW relocating, so now two vacant positions open; currently collecting applications (have a few already) and will discuss in September meeting

8. Discussion of Public Safety

- KM provided summary of recent shooting incident in adjacent playground which resulted in broken windows at school. Park closes at 11, so security concerns are improper use of park space and also violence. KM described current security in place and additional supports for the coming year.
- IE requested clarification of SRO vs. security guards. KM clarified that security guards are off-duty officers and are non-uniformed who are hired by the school.
- KM provided summary of what parents can do to assist.
- Parent1 stated they attended SPAC meeting and had asked re timeline for concrete barrier and fence. They were told it would take about a year because it would go through park district, and it would help if more people were part of SPAC to help advocate. Parent1 also thinks we need more involvement with police department, so that the police will do more when they are called to intervene. Parent1 provided links to two precinct events and suggested forming a group to participate in these events and have more involvement with police department.
- Question in chat from Parent2 asking whether windows have been fixed. DK and KM clarified that they are.

9. Principal Report

- KM shared key highlights and updates
- Parent1 asked question in chat re events for 1st graders who were remote all last year. KM responded that there will be virtual meet and greets for different grade levels.

10. LSC Chairperson Report

- IE: Reminder for parents that there are LSC committees parents can join and they can continue engagement by joining future LSC meetings

11. Discussion of Budget

- KM provided overview of Unfinished Learning Plan: focus on SEL as students return to in-person learning following remote period, and learning (for teachers and students)
- IE asked question re school library. KM replied that there is focus on ensuring teachers have resources to build their classroom library but school library will remain open.
- PS introduced motion to approve budget transfers of items over \$5,000, MW seconds, unanimous vote. Motion passes.

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- MB introduced motion to issue checks and purchase orders up to \$5,000, GM seconds, unanimous vote. Motion passes.
- GM introduced motion to approve additional budget transfers (over \$5,000) itemized in budget, PS seconds, unanimous vote. Motion passes.
- MW introduced motion to approve book transfers, GM seconds, unanimous vote. Motion passes.

12. Old Business

- None

13. Public Participation

- Parent1 asked re funds for additional assistants. KM replied that Skinner North has special education assistants and historically has not fundraised for additional assistants.
- Parent3 (parent of incoming kindergartener) asked re Kindergarten Roundup. KM explained shifting of thinking re assessments during Kindergarten Roundup.
- Parent4 (parent of incoming kindergartener) asked re COVID mitigations. KM stated some logistics hinge on negotiations between CPS and CTU, but masks will be worn throughout building and there will be focus on social distancing. Last year: health screener and temperature checks, hybrid/pod learning, access to vaccinations, transitions in hallways, scheduled bathroom breaks, contact tracing. Parent4 asked specifically re ventilation and outdoor classes. KM stated filtration was implemented last year, windows can be opened, and teachers are able to take classes outside.
- IE asked if student is sick with symptoms, is it an excused absence? KM stated the answer is TBD as district provides clarification.
- Parent5 asked question in chat re percentage of staff and teachers who are vaccinated and whether parent volunteers would be allowed this year (and if proof of vaccination will be required for parent volunteers). KM stated CPS is requiring all staff and teachers to be vaccinated, there will likely be opportunities to have parent volunteers as in last year, and KM will follow up re vaccination requirement for parent volunteers.

14. New Business

- KM requested to put COVID-related safety on next agenda
- IE asked re construction gates around school and whether they will be there when teachers return to school next week. KM is not sure but should have additional insight after meeting with construction team.
- MB asked re Committee Reports. IE indicated Committee Reports would be tabled. Parent6 spoke as member of Diverse Needs Committee and stated additional parent volunteers would be appreciated to assist with various initiatives planned.

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15. Adjourn

- GM introduced motion to adjourn, KM seconded, unanimous vote to approve.
- Meeting adjourned 9:24