

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Remote Meeting Google Meets
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jose Garza, Chairperson, at 6:03 pm

Roll Call

Mrs. Smith took roll call. *Present Absent*

1. Anthony Beale	Present
2. Michael Brown	Present
3. John Famera	Present
4. Jose Garza, Chairman	Present
5. Beverly Hicks	Present
6. Veyshun Smith, Secretary	Present
7. Kenya Patnett	Present
8. Catherine Yackee	Present
9. Barbara Ware	Present
10. Moneca Gomez	Present
11. Kevin Jones	Present
12. TBD, Student Voice	Present
13. Shannae Jackson, Principal	Present

Approval of 12OCT2021 Agenda

Mr. Famera motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded; motion passed

Approval of 14SEP2021 Minutes

Mr. Famera motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded, motion passed

Chairman's Report

Chairman Garza shared he was at the school last Thursday for chess class and it was great to see the students and nice to see everyone back in the building.

Principal's Report

- PSAT/SAT Testing for 8th-12th Graders - October 13th; Please bring calculators and arrive on time. Testing will run from 8:00am - 12:30pm, the schedule will be a modified D day for the remainder of the day. The 7th graders will be on a field trip during testing
- Homecoming Game, Football Senior Night and Pep Rally - October 15th; Pep Rally will be outside on the field from 1:30pm - 3:30pm, weather permitting. Homecoming Game starts at 7:00pm, tickets are \$1 for students and \$5 for parents/adults. Student homecoming game tickets will be pre-sale only and will be sold during lunch periods. Parents and adults can purchase tickets at the door
- HS Homecoming Dance - October 16th 7:00 - 10:00pm, based on CPS Covid Indoor Policy, masks must be worn at all times and no eating or drinking. Tickets will be pre-sale only during lunch periods, no tickets will be sold at the door and no guests are allowed. The big gym tickets were \$10 and will have a DJ and dancing. The small gym tickets were \$5.00 and will be more like a kick back with games and students will bring their own music.
- AC Homecoming Dance - October 20th 4:00 - 6:30pm, same rules apply. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold during AC Labs. No outside guests as well.
- Spirit Week - Week of October 11th
 - Monday 10/11 - No School
 - Tuesday 10/12 - Group/Twin Day
 - Wednesday 10/13 - PJ Day/Bring Everything But a Bag
 - Thursday 10/14 - Decade Day
 - Friday 10/15 - Rep Your Class
- Halloween - students are allowed to dress up, but must be recognizable, no fake weapons or candy
- Family Income Forms - Special thanks fo Ms. Ware for her hard work on gathering and entering the family income forms, we are 95% complete. If you qualified for free or reduced lunch, you will now see \$100 added to your Aspen Parent Portal account. Please disregard the other fee (\$290) and just pay the \$100. That is your adjusted fee for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Chess Team - Chess has started, Classes are held on Thursdays in room 229

- Yearbook - The 2022 yearbook is on sale for only \$32, login to yearbookforever.com to place your order
- Movie Days for the month of October:
 - PSAC held a Movie Day after school on C Day last week. It was a success!
 - Spanish National Honor Society is also planning on having a Halloween Event.
 - Seniors are planning a Halloween Movie Night on Oct. 20th (after C Day) for seniors only.
- Zen Zone - Special thanks to parents and staff for your donations, the students LOVE having this location to kickback and chill
- Quarter 1 Progress Reports - distributed last week during Advisory on Wednesday
- Counseling Update
 - Financial Aid Virtual Meetings: 2 dates offered-October 27th @ 6pm (English session only) and November 4th @ 6pm (English and Spanish sessions)
 - Brooks in collaboration with ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) is pleased to offer Financial Aid 101. This session outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility, and how financial aid can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics.
 - Freshmen & Senior Seminars going well- we've had 2 meetings with these students and will continue meeting with them in semester 1; we will change to Sophomore and Junior Seminars for semester 2.
- Athletics Update
 - Fall high school sports are wrapping up soon and in the midst of playoffs for soccer, volleyball, tennis and football. Go Eagles! ; started AC sports as well; we met with fall athletes to discuss expectations and held a virtual parent meeting for parents as well
 - Mandatory Winter Sports Parent Meeting - October 19th 6:30 - 7:00pm
 - Mandatory Winter Sports Student Meeting - October 20th after school C Day 12:00 - 1:00pm

Budget Transfers

- Ms. Jackson requested the review and approval of 4 budget transfers totaling \$62,967. Motion to accept the budget transfers by Mr. Garza, seconded by Ms. Patnett, motion passed

Committee Report

Naming Rights Committee - Dr. Brown reported that the committee met with one of the salesmen and were very pleased. CPS is reviewing the process and everything will be on hold until we receive an update from CPS to see if we can move forward

New Business

LSC Member Updates

- Dr. Brown is now a Community Representative and Mr. Jones is now a Parent Representative for the Brook LSC; this changed opened the Vice Chair position
- Mr. Garza called for a nomination for Vice Chair; Mr. Jones nominated himself, Mr. Beale seconded, motion passed - Mr. Jones will serve as Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 school year

Old Business

- LSC In-Person meetings - decision is at the discretion of the Governor, next meeting will be virtual

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

No report

Public Participation/Comments

- Brooks Soccer team is winning its first playoff game 5-1

Student Voice

- New Student Voice Representative is Talia Henderson (Junior), welcome!

Agenda set for next meeting

Regular LSC meeting on 9NOV2021 6pm

Adjournment

Mr. Garza motioned, Mr. Jones seconded; motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm