

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School**  
**LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**250 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60628**  
**In-Person Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6 PM**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jose Garza, Chairperson, at 6:15pm.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Smith took roll call.    *Present Absent*

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

**Approval of 14DEC2021 Agenda**

Ms. Ware motioned, Ms. Yackee seconded; motion passed

**Approval of 12OCT2021 Minutes**

Ms. Ware motioned, Ms. Yackee seconded, motion passed

## **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Garza shared that per our Toylee Green-Harris, our LSC Compliance Officer, we can vote on a monthly basis to hold our meetings in-person or remotely. We should take the vote at the end of each meeting.

## **Principal's Report**

- Holiday Break starts this Friday, December 17th which will be a C-Day. There will be no after school activities and students will need to leave the building upon dismissal.
- Updates
  - PSAT/SAT Results:
    - 8th Grade PSAT: 942
    - 9th Grade PSAT: 950
    - 10th Grade PSAT: 973
    - 11th Grade PSAT: 1012
    - 11th Graders also took a practice Academic Approach SAT test last week and their results were: 1031
    - Students can access their individual results through the College Board website
    - There will be another practice exam in February/March
  - Picture Days
    - Thank you to Ms. Yackee for organizing the large undertaking our our school wide picture days. The make-up picture day will be in late January
  - Brooks Open House - November 20th (Virtual and On-site Scheduled Tours) was a success! Special thanks to Mr. Famera for leading the GO Brooks interactive, engagement activities. We had great participation from our teachers and received great feedback and excitement from prospective parents. Overall we were very pleased with the Open House.
  - Graduation Dates (Tentative)
    - May 27th: Senior Luncheon
    - June 3rd: Prom
    - June 6th: Senior Graduation
    - June 8th: 8th Grade Luncheon
    - June 11th: 8th Grade Trip (Six Flags)
    - June 14: 8th Grade Graduation (Last Day of School)
    - 8th Grade Activities Parent Meeting scheduled for January 13th 4:30-5:30pm
  - Chess Tournament @ Brooks - November 13th 8:00am-4:30pm was a huge success! Thank you to Mr. Garza for organizing the tournament. We hosted 100-200 students and their families; great opportunity to see the Brooks campus; overall great event we enjoy hosting!

- Family Income Forms
  - Thanks to Ms. Ware for her hard work and diligence as we obtained 100% of the forms. This is awesome as the family income forms is imperative to our Title 1 Funds and money for the school.
  
- Athletics
  - Excited for the winter season
  - Boys Basketball game this evening against Kenwood, as well as Swim Meet
  - Practices will be held during the Holiday break when the school building is open; schedules will be shared this week
  
- UIC Chance Program
  - Summer enrichment opportunities in engineering, computer science and business
  - Partnership with the UIC Colleges of Business and Engineering
  - Offer summer opportunities that will jumpstart high school students into their college careers
  - Information and link to apply can be found in the December Parent Newsletter
  
- Chicago State University Dual Enrollment
  - Ms. Jackson shared Brooks is trying to expand our dual enrollment partnerships
  - Dual enrollment opportunities allow our students to receive college credit
  - Brooks currently have 30-40 students participating in dual enrollment classes
  
- AP Class
  - Ms. Jackson shared New AP Afro Studies pilot program next year - 10th Grade Level
  - Brooks was selected by College Board to pilot this program; College Board selected one school per state
  - Will be a dual credit class; awesome opportunity for our students

### **Committee Report**

Naming Rights Committee - No report

### **New Business**

- None reported

### **Old Business**

- None reported

### **Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report**

- No report

### **Public Participation/Comments**

- Parent inquired about the difference between a dual credit, dual enrollment and advanced placement courses
- Ms. Jackson provided an excellent explanation of each:
  - Dual Credit Course
    - Class taken on Brooks campus
    - 6 points if student earns an A
    - Can be taught by high school teacher if they have a masters in the course
    - Follow same course syllabus as college class
    - Students earn college credit upon successful completion of class
  - Dual Enrollment Course
    - Class taken on College campus
    - 6 points if student earns an A
    - Currently have less courses available to be taken on College Campuses
    - Students earn college credit upon successful completion of class
  - Advanced Placement Course
    - Class taken on Brooks
    - 6 points if student earns an A
    - End of year AP exam. If students score high enough on the AP Exam, they have the potential to earn college credit.
    - 68% of students earn college credit through AP courses before going to college
- Mr. Beale shared the Pullman Center was approached by Microsoft to do a feasibility study for a E-Sport & Coding Facility. Microsoft has issued the Pullman Center a \$25,000 grant and selected a company to perform the study. Mr. Beale stated this is a great opportunity he would like to share with Brooks students.

### **Student Voice**

- None reported

### **Agenda set for next meeting**

Regular LSC meeting on 11JAN2022 6pm. The council members unanimously voted to hold the January meeting remotely.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Famera motioned, Ms. Yackee seconded; motion passed  
Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm