

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Remote Meeting Google Meets
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jose Garza, Chairperson, at 6:04 pm

Roll Call

Mrs. Smith took roll call. *Present Absent*

1. Anthony Beale	Absent
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

Dr. Brown motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded; motion passed

Approval of 14SEP2021 Minutes

Dr. Brown motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded, motion passed

Chairman's Report

Chairman Garza reminded new members to make sure we complete the LSC training modules and for all level 1 volunteers they must be vaccinated or at least have the first shot by October 25th. Mr. Garza reminded the Council to get their fingerprinting done to remain in compliance. Mr. Garza also thanked and complimented Ms. Yackee for the awesome yearbook.

Principal's Report

- Virtual Curriculum Night - 9/15, 5:00pm - 7:00pm; google meet links were sent via parent newsletter; overview of each class curriculum and expectations for the school year
- Covid Protocol - it's great that parents report to the school if their student tests positive or is in the process of being tested; however, parents should use the link to self report provided in the school newsletter. By utilizing the self report link the information goes directly to the Board and they will begin contact tracing and follow up with the applicable parents. Quarantined students will receive 25% synchronous instruction and all pertinent information/missing work from their teachers
- Transportation Issues at the District Level - if parents are seeking for travel reimbursement please contact Ms. Dolan so she can inform the network
- Seeking volunteers to help with Traffic Control in the mornings and afternoon, if interested please contact Ms. Jackson
- PSAT Testing - Juniors online practice exam on 9/15 (will be used as a diagnostic for SAT prep throughout the year)
- PSAT Testing - 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th graders will test on 10/13; 7th graders will go on a field trip on this day
- Student vs Staff Day held on the 3rd day of school was an absolute success; students and staff enjoyed and provided the opportunity to connect again as a Brooks family; start of the year on a good foot. Ms. Jackson thanked PSAC who organized the event
- Clubs and After School activities are coming soon, within the next few weeks. Teachers have started submitting the clubs they will sponsor and will begin setting up their schedules. Ms. Dolan will organize a club fair on an upcoming C Day - information forthcoming
- Fee Updates - special thanks to Ms. Ware for diligently entering our student/family income forms, we are almost at 75% complete. The family income forms are extremely important for the school budget. Fees are being adjusted for families qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Registration Documents - any additional forms that need to be turned in can be submitted to the main office

- Senior College Knowledge will start on 9/15 in English classes; Counselors will walk students through reach mass and safety schools, post-secondary goals, FASFA and different scholarship information
- Senior 1:1 Meetings - Counselors will conduct these meetings from 9/20-10/29; also holding a series of evening parent meetings
- FASFA ID Workshop 9/28 and 9/29; FASFA opens for current Seniors open on 10/1; there will also be a Financial Aid Processing workshop on 10/27
- Athletics - Fall high school sports are in full force; started AC sports as well; we met with fall athletes to discuss expectations and held a virtual parent meeting for parents as well
- CPS asking athletes to get vaccinated or will have to adhere to weekly testing on Thursdays from Noon-2pm

Budget Transfers

- Budget transfers are in progress; Ms. Jackson requests to finalize the transfers at the October meeting; Financial reports were distributed

Committee Report

Naming Rights Committee - Dr. Brown reported that the committee will be meeting with the Sales Team on 9/21 and then we will meet with the entire council. On the 9/21 meeting we will discuss our views of how we want our stadium sold and he will share his experiences and his view of how this can be done. We will send out a notice when we will have the entire sales team available to meet with the Council.

New Business

LSC Member Updates

- Dr. Brown has resigned as a Parent Representative because his daughter is no longer a Brooks student
- Mr. Jones has resigned as a Community Representative because he has a child that is a Brooks student
- Will have a close session as Dr. Brown will be applying for the Community Representative position and Mr. Jones will be applying for the Parent Representative position; We also received an application for the Parent Representative position from Ms. Vanessa Griffin and Ms. Temple Payne
- Ms. Griffin was on the LSC call and shared a statement regarding her candidacy; daughter is a sophomore at Brooks. Dr. Brown and Mr. Jones also provided statements

Old Business

None reported

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

No report

Public Participation/Comments

- Discussion was held regarding the LSC moving back to in-person meetings; Members were polled on how they felt about meeting in-person; majority shared they preferred meeting remotely at this time
- Mr. Garza will follow-up with the LSC Board whether LSC meetings have to be physically represented and inform the Council

Student Voice

- Ms. Jackson shared we do have a candidate and will provide the student information at the next LSC meeting

Closed Session

- Motion was made to enter closed session by Mr. Garza at 6:39pm, Ms. Yackee seconded, motion passed; Members present in closed session: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Garza, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Patnett, Ms. Ware, Mr. Famera, Ms. Yackee, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Hicks - quorum established, closed session started at 6:40pm
- Group discussion was held regarding selecting a new Community Representative and Parent Representative. Candidates under consideration included Dr. Brown, Mr. Kevin Jones and Ms. Griffin. Motion was made to close the session by Ms. Ware seconded, motion passed. Closed session ended at 6:50pm

Open Session

- Open session with same attendees, quorum established at 6:51pm; Motion was made to accept the results of the closed session discussion by Mr. Garza, Ms. Hicks seconded, motion passed.
- Dr. Brown was selected as the New Community Representative and Mr. Kevin Jones as the new Parent Representative

Agenda set for next meeting

Regular LSC meeting on 12OCT2021 6pm

Adjournment

Mr. Garza motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded; motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm