

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Remote Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jose Garza, Chairperson, at 6:13pm.

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	Absent
6. Veyshun Smith, Secretary	Present
7. Kenya Patnett	Present
8. Catherine Yackee	Present
9. Barbara Ware	Present
10. Moneca Gomez	Present
11. Kevin Jones	Absent
12. Talia Henderson, Student Voice	Absent
13. Shannae Jackson, Principal	Present

Approval of 8FEB2022 Agenda

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

Approval of 11JAN2022 Minutes

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

Chairman's Report

Chairman Garza shared that Principal Jackson started the CIWP process in January and it will be due in April, but due to Covid situation the due date will more than likely be extended.

Principal's Report

- Happy Black History Month!

- Updates & Reminders
 - Report Cards - will be distributed this Thursday during Advisory; we experienced delays as there were some issues with posting and grade errors. We wanted to ensure the the grades are correct on the transcripts and report cards

 - School Website - we are in the process of changing website companies; the website transition will take a couple of weeks

 - Mastery School started on Monday; we appreciate all of the parents that attended the parent orientation

 - Black History Assembly - Ms. David is planning the assembly and it will be held the first C day in March. Ms. Jackson/PSAC in collaboration with NJHS to have an end of the month Black History Spirit Week

 - Counselor Programming - Ms. Mulder and Ms. Clark teamed up and presented information pertaining to programming for next year; the presentation is available in the February Parent Newsletter

 - Covid Testing - we continue to have weekly Covid testing for students

 - Mr. Wilde has moved on from Brooks, he has moved to another state. Mr. Wilde was amazing and we are very sad to see him go. We really appreciate all his contributions to Brooks students, staff and parents.

 - New Staff Members - we welcome Ms. Perez and Mrs. Mowery

- Athletics & Arts
 - Chess Team - Congratulations to Mr. Garza and the Chess Team! - they took 2nd place in the CPS JV tournament

 - Arts - Congratulations to Mr. Mitchell and the entire Arts Department - Brooks took 2nd place in the student ideas competition at the Chicago Architecture Biannual. Also through the Arts program - congratulations to Evay, she won the Walgreens Expression Challenge. She submitted her work through her art class and was featured on NBC. The link to the news report is also in the parent newsletter.

- Boys Basketball - Super proud of the team on having a great season; we celebrated the seniors during our Senior Night
- Boys Swim Team - Congratulations on coming in 2nd place in their swim meet
- Cheerleading - Super excited and congratulations to the team on going down state to compete; this is their fourth time going down state and are the only CPS school to participate down state.
- Football and Baseball College Signing Day - Congratulations to the football and baseball students and excited to celebrate our students and their post-secondary accomplishments as well
- Principal Jackson also informed the LSC that we were able to purchase uniforms for just about all of the sports teams

CIWP Update (Constant Improvement Work Plan)

- CIWP are done every two years, we are working on the CIWP for 2022-2024
- Unit plan for schools and consist of school wide goals and action plans; also provides CPS five year vision goals
- Key Points for CIWP Overview & Discussion
 - An iterative process to build, fine-tune and revise our CIWP
 - Strategies, goals and action plans were shared by Principal Jackson
 - Emphasis on elevating Brooks Arts Program and the utilization of its state of the art facilities
 - Re-visit CIWP every 6 months to evaluate our progress

Committee Report

Naming Rights Committee - No report; Per Dr. Brown, we are still seeking approval from CPS, so we are in a waiting pattern.

Budget Items

- Requisition Order for baseball uniforms - Peerless Embroidery Company in the amount of \$5,222.55
- Building Use Rental for the Contextos - Rental of the Performing Arts space outside of the auditorium, March 26th, 1-3pm, estimated attendance 50 people, chairs setup for a panel discussion. Discussion was held concerning past rental events and it was suggested to require a security/damage deposit going forward. CPS Real Estate Department also reviews and approves all contracts.
- Chairman Garza motioned, Ms. Gomez seconded; motion passed

New Business

- None reported

Old Business

- None reported

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

- No report

Public Participation/Comments

- Mrs. Toylee Green-Harris provided the following information:
 - LSC
 - Encourage everyone that is interested in continuing to serve on the LSC to complete a nomination form
 - Packets are at the school with Ms. Ware and they are for the next term which begins July 1st
 - Nomination forms must be completed and turned in by March 1st in order to be on the ballot for the April 20th election
 - Reminder Due to Legislative changes:
 - High Schools will now have 3 students; student polls will be held on April 18th and April 19th
 - With this Legislative change, effective June/July the increase in students numbers change quorum from 7 to 8 and for budget transfers the quorum is 9
 - Chairman Garza shared comments regarding the Brooks Chess Program. Mr. Garza encouraged the council, parents and teachers to promote chess to students. Chess is a great activity and development for our students.
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Student Voice

- None reported

Agenda set for next meeting

Regular LSC meeting on 8MARCH2022 6pm. Chairman Garza shared that Ms. Harris informed him that the LSC Chairman can make the decision regarding holding the LSC meetings in-person or virtually. Chairman Garza informed the Council that our March meeting will be held virtually, no objections from the council members.

Adjournment

Ms. Gomez motioned, Ms. Yackee seconded; motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm