

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jose Garza, Chairperson, at 6:06pm.

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	Absent
11. Kevin Jones	Present
12. Talia Henderson, Student Voice	Absent
13. Shannae Jackson, Principal	Present

Approval of 8MAR2022 Agenda

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

Approval of 8FEB2022 Minutes

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

Chairman's Report

Chairman Garza mentioned that starting Monday, March 14th, masks will no longer be required. Mr. Garza inquired about any CTU push back on the decision to move to mask optional.

Principal's Report

- Updates & Reminders
 - LSC Election Reminder - if interested please submit LSC application to Ms. Ware by tomorrow; special thanks to Ms. Ware who is serving as our LSC Election Coordinator, her hard work is greatly appreciated
 - LSC Candidate Forum scheduled for March 22nd, 6:00-6:30pm; candidates will have 2 minutes to give a speech if desired
 - Important Testing Days
 - March 9th
 - 9th & 10th Graders will take a full length online PSAT; unique Bell schedule for “pre-bubbling” and the remainder of the school day
 - 7th & 8th Graders will follow the Special D-Day schedule shared with students
 - Ms. Yackee will lead the Seniors for the Senior Town Hall
 - March 23rd
 - 11th Graders will take the SAT Test; will be released after they are done testing
 - 7th & 8th Graders - take a practice Algebra Exit Exam, fun STEM Challenge, will also be a C-Day
 - 9th, 10th, & 12th will not be in the building, none attendance day
 - Yearbook Photos - Shout Out to Ms. Yackee! Thank you so much for all of your hard work; She was able to get all of the 8th grade, senior as well as yearbook photos! Please make sure to purchase a yearbook
 - Progress Reports - will be distributed this Thursday during Advisory
 - Spanish National Honors Society - Induction will be held tomorrow, March 9th, 5:00-6:00pm. Really proud of the students, they are very excited, it sounds like it's going to be a great event. Ms. Santoyo is the sponsor, students will have cultural performances, should be very nice
 - African American Black History Month Assembly - Shout out to Ms. David who organized the assembly and did a great job of collaborating with various clubs, organizations and teachers to make sure it was a wonderful event
- Athletics & Other
 - Football and Baseball College Signing Day - Congratulations to the baseball students; two students did their college signing day for baseball; excited to celebrate our students and their post-secondary accomplishments
 - Girls Senior Basketball Night - held last Friday, great night for the students; a few of the students were AC students and they're in the first graduating class of the academic center that have been here for six years

- March Madness
 - No Days off in March, very long month - 31 days
 - Provide students with something fun to keep the students motivated with their classes and staying on target, behaviorally as well as academically
 - Planning by PSAC, scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th; planning to have students and staff participate
 - There will be four different teams and three games and a championship game
 - Cost will be \$3 for students; starting today students can only have one F, no cuts, no more than 5 tardies and no behavioral infractions to attend the games
 - PSAC is seeking club sponsors to sell concessions, looking to make this a school-wide fundraisers so clubs can make some revenue off concessions and everyone can benefit

- Spring Formal Dance - planning underway; funds will go to support the dance and fund our athletic programs as well; school wide fundraiser and motivate students

- Admitted Students Night - March 29th, 5:00pm - 6:30pm (Prospective Families)
 - Ms. Dolan is organizing this event and has started reaching out to staff, Department chairs, clubs and athletic sports teams to participate
 - Ms. Patnett graciously mentioned via email to VOB parents
 - Likely have rotations in different places in the building
 - More information will be provided

- Chess Team - Congratulations to Mr. Garza and the Chess Team!
 - CPS Presidents Day Tournament held on February 21st
 - Chase Jones won 1st place and David Perez won 2nd place
 - Brooks also won 2nd place in the Greater Chicago Chess Tournament
 - Multi-State Tournament for the Midwest, K-9 on February 5th
 - Top players were Isabella Garza, Melissa Della Rallo and Caesar Morales and Isabella won 4th place as an individual

- Math Team - Congratulations and Shout Out to our Math Team!
 - Brooks placed third place in Division C city wide
 - 2nd Place in Geometry and Algebra 2
 - Team 3rd place in Algebra 1 and Pre-Calculus

Committee Report

Naming Rights Committee - No report

Budget Items

- Requisition for Senior Luncheon scheduled for May 27th - Chateau Del Mar in the amount of \$9,500; initially taken from School Fees and will be replenished when student pay for the luncheon; \$35.00 per person
- Mr. Jones motioned, Dr. Brown seconded; motion passed

New Business

- None reported

Old Business

- None reported

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

- No report

Public Participation/Comments

- Chairman Garza shared comments regarding the importance of exercise:
 - Helps with and preventing Alzheimers; Exercise also helps with depression and a lot of our kids are suffering from depression because of the Covid issue
 - There was a study where there were two groups, where one group exercised for three weeks and the other group had traditional Psychotherapy. They found that the group who received the three weeks of exercise actually had better results than those who had the traditional Psychotherapy
 - All you need is 20 minutes, three times a week of say fast walking uninterrupted
 - Also shown to prevent death by any number of diseases, an inactive body invites disease and poor health; If you aren't exercising please exercise for you and your family
- Mr. Jones shared the following comments:
 - Thank you to our Principal she is doing an absolute marvelous job; truly impressed with the job Principal Jackson is doing; Truly appreciate the work she is doing at Brooks; I see it in my child, she's excited when she comes home and the things that are going on at the school
 - Principal Jackson thanked Mr. Jones and stated she could not do this without the awesome staff, students, LSC, VOB - thank you to everyone! "It truly takes a village"!

Student Voice

- None reported

Agenda set for next meeting

Due to Spring Break the council agreed to a Special LSC Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 19APRIL2022 6pm. The Council agreed to hold the April meeting virtually.

Adjournment

Ms. Ware motioned, Dr. Brown seconded; motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm