

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School**  
**LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**250 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60628**  
**Brooks' Library**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2016 @ 6 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, at 6:09 pm.

Roll Call

Alexander Kmicikewycz, substituting for Secretary, Valerie Grant, took roll call.

*Present/Absent/Late Time of Arrival*

1. Anthony Beale	Absent
2. Tyler Frazier	Late Arrival
3. Jose' Garza	Present
4.. Valerie Grant	Absent
5. Denitra Griffin, Ph.D.	Present
6. Maurice Johnson	Present
7. Alexander Kmicikewycz	Present
8. Jeffery Massey	Present
9. Jacob Mitchell	Absent
10. Barbara Ware	Present
11. Principal, Shannae Jackson	Present

Approval of Agenda

By general consent, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

By general consent, motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, shared the following:

- All LSC members need to complete LSC training
- LSC Connection has been shared by CPS, one of our LSC members should join the LSC Connection
- Ms. Grant sent an updated LSC reference guide (2016-2018) issued by CPS
- CPS and UChicago Impact have partnered to help spread information about CPS high schools:  
<<https://www.hsbound.org/>>
- The website might potentially be added to the Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep website; will check into with Mr. Ferme
- LSC members continued to volunteer to be on one of three committees (Bylaws, Principal Evaluation, Budget)

## Principal's Report

Shannae Jackson, Principal, shared the following:

- PSAT scores have been reported and posted online
- 9th-11th grade students will be checking online and using resources from Khan Academy
- SAT Dream Team will work with representative from College Board
- Tutoring schedules have been submitted by teachers and posted on school website
- Members from LEAP and from CPS central office have been visiting more frequently
- LEAP teamed up with University of Wisconsin--Madison and will be helping teachers at school with implementing personalized/competency based learning
- Teachers (mostly 7th grade teachers) continue to pilot 100% standards-based grading as are ILT members
- CPS central office team working on initiatives on competency-based learning
- Diagnostic will be given at the end of the year to gauge understanding so that resources can be provided to personalize work with teachers
- School is about to receive the Verizon Wireless grant funds
- School is about to receive LEAP grant funds; new budget needs to be submitted
- Partnerships with Chicago State University and Roosevelt University are in the process of being formed (possibilities brainstormed include taking college-level classes at Brooks, having college professors teach a class at Brooks; questions arise over how finances look like)
- Teachers voted to have a C-Day on Friday, 23DEC2016 and A-Day on Wednesday, 21DEC2016
- The sports teams (basketball and wrestling) have been competing against Simeon, Harlan, and Morgan Park
- The Majorettes and the dance teams recently performed at their Showcase in preparation for competition
- NCAA clearinghouse discussion occurred
- FAFSA representatives and counselors have been working with students about financial aid
- CPS has partnered with the Northwestern Summer College Bridge program  
<http://sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer/high-school-programs/college-bridge.php>
- Students recently completed a college visit trip to University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- School and counselors have made it a goal to earn at least \$30M in scholarships
- Ms. Chrishan David organized the annual National Honors Society Blood Drive
- Mr. Charles Dowdy left the school to relocate with family and will be missed; replacement is currently doing the CPS onboarding process
- Student Ambassadors have been working on the toy and coat drive; boxes have been placed in classrooms
- STEM teachers (Ms. Lina Zayed and Mr. Alexander Kmicikewycz) and students completed the cardboard boat race at the school pool
- Encore Club performing Color Museum and will also be performing for elementary schools on 21DEC2016
- Arts Week starts on 14DEC2016; Mr. Jacob Mitchell is organizing the efforts with a \$10k grant the school received; image of flyer below

**Brooks Annual  
Winter Showcase**

**December 20, 2016**  
Brooks Auditorium  
Video Screenings 5-7 PM  
Choir 7-8 PM

**December 22, 2016**  
Brooks Auditorium  
LTAB 5-6 PM  
Improv 6-7 PM  
Band & Orchestra 7-8 PM

Adult Entrance  
\$2 Gallery only  
\$5 Auditorium + Gallery

**Brooks College Prep**  
250 E. 111th St  
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Student Entrance  
\$2 Gallery only  
\$3 Auditorium + Gallery

- Mr. Clark Morgan and Mr. Matthew Barrett were named teachers of the month for October; no one was selected for November due to shortened schedules
- Academic Center has sports training every Saturday at school
- SAT practice test 14DEC2016
- construction workers have been preparing for the new athletic fields; actual construction should start shortly

## Budget

-Ms. Jackson addressed the need for new radios were needed for communication and sought approval for approximately \$2k. Dr. Griffin moved to approve funds for radios stated. Mr. Massiel seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

-Ms. Jackson requested to transfer funds to clear up negative budget lines (few funds approximately \$1k each) and for expired grants. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the transfers and expenses. Ms. Ware seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

-Ms. Jackson summarized upcoming uses of facilities including the use of the swimming pool by the Chicago South Swim Club, the auditorium every Sunday for 6 months by New Day Ministries, and recreational facilities for competition by the Majorettes school team. Dr. Griffin moved to approve the usage of the facility for the events stated. Mr. Massiel seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

## Committee Report

-Committee members (bylaws, principal evaluation, budget) need to ensure that meetings take place

-Ms. Jackson was added to the budget committee; committee will check on status and remaining goals

## New Business

-Ms. West applied to fill parent vacancy and spoke at November LSC meeting. Dr. Griffin moved to approve Ms. West for the Parent LSC position. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Ware seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

-Mr. Fred Williams expressed interest in the other Parent LSC position.

-Discussions occurred about allowing Ms. Jackson to approve expenditures up to and including \$5k without the need for LSC approval but provide the LSC a summary of expenditures at LSC meetings. Mr. Johnson moved to approve Ms. Jackson's expenditure limit without LSC approval. Mr. Massey seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

## Old Business

No old business.

## Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

Alexander Kmicikewycz shared the following:

-PPLC members are reaching out during department time to gauge use, implementations, and practices with social emotional learning standards in class

-Ms. Maddy Peterek was elected to fulfill the temporary teacher LSC position

### Public Participation/Comments

Nobody signed up to speak or raise comments at the meeting.

### Student Voice

Tyler Frazier, Student Representative, shared the following:

- Students want to ensure that Mr. Dowdy's position is filled
- Students are looking for parents to help organize the Encore Club performances; reach out to parents on the Village of Brooks; contact Katrina Richards for more information; email address on school website
- Promoted the Performance Arts Showcase at school

### Closed Session

No closed session.

### Agenda set for next meeting

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alex Kmicikewycz  
Substitute for Valerie Grant, Secretary

These minutes were approved as read on \_\_\_\_\_.