

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Brooks' Library
Thursday April 27, 2016 @ 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Massey, Vice-Chair, at 6:08 pm.

Roll Call

Valerie Grant, Secretary, took roll call.

1. Anthony Beale	Present
2. Tyler Frazier	<i>Absent</i>
3. Jose' Garza	Present
4.. Valerie Grant	Present
5. Denitra Griffin, Ph.D.	<i>Absent</i>
6. Maurice Johnson	Present
7. Alexander Kmicikewycz	<i>Absent</i>
8. Jeffery Massey	Present
9. Jacob Mitchell	Present
10. Barbara Ware	Present
11. Principal, Shannae Jackson	Present
12. Presita West	<i>Absent</i>
13. Maddie Peterek (in for Mr. K)	<i>Absent</i>
14. Fred Williams	Present

Approval of Agenda

By general consent, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from March Regular Meeting

Maurice Johnson moved to review the meeting minutes from March 2017 at the next meeting (May, 2017). Barbara Ware seconded. No objections were made and motion was passed.

Chairman's Report

Jeff Massey, Vice Chair, shared the following from Denitra Griffin, Chairperson:

- LSC - Principal Evaluation must be entered into the CPS database no later than May 1, 2017. After the vote tonight by the LSC, Dr. Griffin will enter it in the database by April 30, 2017.
- Dr. Griffin's foundation, "The Always Giving Back Foundation", is offering (3) \$1500 scholarships for high school students. The deadline is 5/21/2017. This has been shared with the Brooks Counseling department. If the LSC knows of any other interested families with children, please share the following website...www.agbfd.org/college-scholarships/
- Dr. Griffin's foundation is also offering Summer Business Internships for rising Juniors and Seniors. The application will be available in May and will also be shared with Ms. Hanes (Counseling Dept.) to share with the students.
- If LSC is aware of any additional opportunities to support the student, please forward the information to Ms. Hanes at alhanes@cps.edu.
- LSC School visit – was conducted this morning by Jeff Massey, Denitra Griffin, and Presita West. . Jeff, Denitra, and Presita – visited 8 classrooms – 7th Grade Math, 7th grade English, Art, AP US History, Spanish, (2) Integrated Math classes, and Digital

Imaging. Jeff's overall view - teachers are given the flexibility to teach in accordance with their needs. Students are willing to work with one to help one another. Students come relax but very focused. Teachers are willing to work with those that need extra help. No one left behind in group work scenarios. Jeff, Denitra, and Presita were able to debrief after the classrooms visits with Principal Jackson and offer their takeaways.

Principal's Report

Shannae Jackson, Principal, shared the following:

- Congratulations – US News Report ranked Brooks as the #10 best high school in Illinois. Previous rankings 2016 - #20 and 2015 - #25
- Selective enrollment - Cutoff scores increased in every tier
- SAT results are due in May
 - Juniors who increased their score by 50 points during the practice exams each received “Hamilton” the Chicago Broadway musical tickets
- PSAT results are also due in May
- Next testing period will be June 7th – 9th for NWEA testing
- Competency Based Learning – Brooks selected as one of six schools to participate in a pilot.
 - ISBE Personalized Learning/Mastery of concepts/Tailored to the needs of each child
 - Currently the program is being piloted with the 7th grade class. Next year the program will expand to include both the 7th & 8th grade. Future school years, the program will be school wide.
- AC admitted student night – 100 families attended but only 60 students will be admitted.
- High School investigation days to start soon
- Administrative Professional Day was Wednesday. Ms. Ware was recognized for all her hard work.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is next week. Village of Brooks along with Ms. Jackson and her Assistant Principals will do something to recognize the teaching staff
- Encore, Drama dept. latest production, “Once on this Island” was a huge success. Ms. Richards, Drama Mentor, along with the students were recognized
- STEM Motorola challenge - Students in Ms. Zayed's class traveled to the Merchandise Mart today to present their app design proposals.
- Career Day was also today - 20 different industry professionals spoke about their careers
- AP Testing starts next week. School has added more AP subjects to the course offerings.
- International Travel –
 - Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Famera, Ms. Castro – visited Great Britain, Ireland, and Scotland
 - Ms. Santoyo – visited China
- Sports Update – all teams are doing well
- Senior Update –
 - Scholarships are at \$23.7M. Seniors on track to hitting \$30M
 - College signing at Brooks will be June 1st. May 1st is National College Decision deadline
- Diverse Learners - Special Olympics – Opening ceremony is tomorrow 4/28/2017. Brooks will hold a prep kick off for students
- Dr. Betty Howard Recipient for April is – Ms. Mulder, Counselor and 7th Grade Teacher.

Budget

Transfer-

Expense – 175 Chrome books and cards purchase

\$38,000.00

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the above expense. Ms. Grant seconded. No objections were made and motion was passed.

Facility Usage – No facility usage discussed.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

Microwaves were down at last report. Principal Jackson reported two new microwaves were purchased to replace the ones that were down. Issue closed.

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

Jacob Mitchell shared the following:

- Ms. Ware was recognized by PPLC for the many hats she wears during the day. He noted in the past there was 5 administrative staff doing what she is now doing solo.
- Fill position (left by Ms. Griffus) she is moving to China to teach
 - Ms. Griffus was instrumental in writing grants (gallery). She leads the National Arts Honor Society.
- Upcoming Showcase – LTAB/Video Productions/ART/Band will be the week of May 22nd -26th
 - Tuesday thru Thursday will be live performances. During the week the art work will be displayed in gallery fashion.
- International trip – Went well --- they also did an exchange with a family – goal is to expand the travel program. Plan is to send one student next year for the exchange. Would like to recruit more students
- Staff would like to see more buy in from the parent community – in specific, have more fundraising done by the parents (similar to the “Friends of Young” and “Friends of Payton”) that will support academic programming and teacher needs. Need parent investment -- Ask the question of parents to give. Principal Jackson mentioned this was the “ASKS “program and any donations must be approved by the board. Staff would like to change the culture and ask for financial investment by the parents.

Public Participation/Comments

No public participation

Student Voice

Tyler Frazier, Student Representative, was absent.

Closed Session

Mr. Jose’ Garza moved to enter into a closed session at 6:54 PM to discuss the principal evaluation; and Fred William accepted. Motion was passed.

Mr. Johnson moved to end the closed session at 7 PM; and Ms. Ware accepted. No objections were made and motion was passed.

OPEN Meeting -

Mr. Anthony Beale moved to approve Principal Jackson’s LSC Principal Professional Practice Score & Rating Level: EXCELLENT; and Mr. Johnson accepted. No objections were made and motion passed.

Agenda set for next meeting

Meeting date rescheduled from May 9th to May 16th.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie L Grant

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Secretary

These minutes were approved as read on 5/16/2017.