

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Brooks' Library
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, at 6:25 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.	Present
6. Maurice Johnson	<i>Absent</i>
7. Alexander Kmicikewycz	Present
8. Jeffery Massey	<i>Teleconference</i>
9. Jacob Mitchell	<i>Absent</i>
10. Barbara Ware	Present
11. Principal, Shannae Jackson	Present

Approval of Agenda

By general consent, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 9/13/2016

By general consent, motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, shared the following:

Office of Local School Council Relations Report –

1. The LSC Reference Guide expires this calendar year 2016. Working on updating the guide. In the meantime, continue to use with the exception of Chapters 3 & 4. Chapters 3-The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) and 4-Budgeting to Support School Progress are being revised first to mirror current practices.
2. Recently released a press release announcing more CPS schools are showing academic quality improvement throughout the district. School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP) results for school year 16-17 show a growing number of schools receiving top ratings and declining number of school receiving low rating. It was noted at this meeting -Brooks is at the highest rating which is Level 1+.
3. Reminder – New LSC members must complete required training.

Principal's Report

Shannae Jackson, Principal, shared the following:

- Homecoming is in full swing this week for the high school.
 - Academic Center had dance last Wednesday- which was noted as a success
 - Pep Rally is 10/13/2016
 - HS Dance is 10/14/2016
 - Visitor Criteria has been set forth and shared with the students

- No hazing will be tolerated. Students will not be allowed to participate in any activities if caught hazing.
- PSAT Testing (9th/10th/11th) – 10/19/2016
- 11th Grade took their first SAT –Practice Exam 2 weeks ago – Good news, Academic Approach reports our student showed they are at college level.
- Curriculum night (10/6/16)– Not a huge turnout. Shout out to the Student Ambassadors for the job they performed assisting parents.
- Progress Reports will be mailed out 10/12/2016.
- SQRP Report – Level 1+ school – Brooks is recognized as a nationally competitive school. Shout out to the parents for completing that parent survey.
- Athletics Season is wrapping up for the winter – cross country track did really well, volleyball, soccer, swim, and tennis. Shout out to Mahogany Lawson & Lauryn Freeman for finishing the Chicago Marathon this past weekend.
- Post-Secondary Services will be offered during the lunch periods every Tuesday-
 - ISAC Representatives to help complete the FAFSA
 - College Representatives from all over the country
- New Diverse Learner teacher – Ms. Williams
- New Club Day – 10/25/2016 3:30 PM to 4:30PM
- Parking Stickers must be displayed by 10/21/2016. Otherwise cars may be towed.
- Recruitment is in full swing. Ms. Resh & Mr. Webb are visiting at least 1 to 2 schools a day. The new postcard in in the website.
- Open house is 11/12/2016
- Ms. Yackee has been recognized with a Teacher Fellow award.
- Library – Village of Brooks sent out a letter requesting volunteers for library coverage during lunch hours.
- Students concerns regarding printers were addressed with the addition of more chrome books and printers being added in the lunchroom
- Monthly parent newsletter has received positive feedback. Plans to continue to send this newsletter
- Attendance last year was at 92%. Goal this year is 94%

Budget

Transfer-

The following are requests to transfer funds to clear up negative budget lines and adjust sub costs:

\$2,829.39

\$ 0.22

\$ 296.00

\$1,478.00

\$ 591.00

\$ 30.00

\$ 207.00

\$ 739.00

\$1,478.00

\$ 148.00

\$ 296.00

\$ 0.16

Expense -

\$25,928.00 Academic Approach

Anthony Beale moved to approve the above transfers and expense. Barbara Ware seconded. No objections were made and motion was passed.

Facility Usage –

6/25/2017 – 2007 Brooks Class Reunion submitted supplemental information.

11/1/2016 – Alderman Anthony Beale 9th Ward Community Outreach Meeting – Auditorium

11/1/2016 – Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Public Meeting – Gym

Ms. Ware moved to approve the usage of the facility for the events stated above. Valerie Grant seconded. No objections raised and motion passed.

New Business

Fill Parent Vacancies – One application has been received. Parent was not able to attend meeting. Application will be held until next meeting 11/15/2016.

Committee Formation – The following committees were established – ByLaws, Principal Evaluation, and Budget. More committees may be established if there is a need determined in the future. Sign up for each committee will take place next meeting 11/15/2016

Jose' Garza motioned to establish the three aforementioned committees. Ms. Ware seconded and motion passed.

Chess Tournament – Jose' Garza gave the LSC the heads up that with the success of last year's tournament, Brooks will host it again this year. Had over 500 people turn out. LSC can expect to see the facility use application soon. The tournament will take place 1/14/2017.

Old Business

No old business.

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

Alexander Kmicikewycz shared the following:

- Teachers met this past week. They have agreed to focus on incorporating the social/emotional aspects into the learning standards.
- Met with 33 of the 46 teachers to ask how he can better serve their needs as part of the LSC, address any questions or concerns, and/or better serve them being a part of the union.
- Still in follow up with teachers to discuss maintaining his position on the LSC during his physical absence while in Singapore for his Fulbright Award. He would like to stay on the LSC and can attend the meeting via conference. It was noted another teacher has expressed an interest in filling his spot (being able to attend LSC meetings in person) during this period. Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, will follow up with the Office of Local School Council Relations to seek direction and provide directions at the next meeting 11/15/2016.

Public Participation/Comments

No public participation or comments.

Student Voice

Tyler Frazier, Senior, Student Representative was absent but shared the following in advance of the meeting:

- Students concerns –

- Students were unable to use “Turnitin.com “to turn in their assignments and the teachers have been unable to use the systems as a means of proof reading papers. What is the status of that program? *Principal Jackson response – Turnitin.com account has been renewed.*
- What progress has been made so far about the library and getting CPS approved parents or teachers (on free periods) to monitor the library during the lunch periods? A few teachers have indicated that they would be willing to devote their free periods into monitoring the library. *Principal Jackson response – Printers and additional Chrome books have been provided for the students use in the lunchroom. It was noted the students wanted a quiet space for studying. Regarding Teachers - Will need to review the current teachers’ contractual duties. Their contract and the budget may prevent them from using their free time. More review is needed before a decision is made. The vision for the librarian position may/will change. Plan to start feasibility studies for the future of the library. This will include obtaining feedback from the teachers, students, and community. Denitra Griffin raised the concerns about the sustainability (and communication issues) of relying solely on volunteers to monitor the library. Jose’ Garza reminded everyone to include the students’ voice if a librarian is desired and designing the future plan of the library space.*

Closed Session

No closed session.

Agenda set for next meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie L Grant

Valerie Grant
Secretary

These minutes were approved as read on 11/15/2016.