

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory School
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
250 East 111th Street
Chicago, IL 60628
Brooks' Library
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 @ 6 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call

Valerie Grant, Secretary, took roll call.

1. Anthony Beale	<i>Absent</i>
2. Tyler Frazier	Late @ 6:51pm
3. Jose' Garza	<i>Absent</i>
4.. Valerie Grant	Present
5. Denitra Griffin, Ph.D.	Present
6. Maurice Johnson	Present
7. Alexander Kmicikewycz	Present
8. Jeffery Massey	Present
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

By general consent, motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, shared the following:

- After conferring with Central Office, a special election is required to fill Mr. Kmicikewycz's LSC teacher position while he is temporarily away for his Fulbright assignment. Teachers were polled. One applicant expressed interest. Teachers will vote this Friday or soon thereafter to fill the vacancy temporarily from Jan to April, 2017. Upon Mr. Kmicikewycz return he will resume his position until his term ends.
- CPS issued two Press Releases: (*attached*)
 - Announcement – CPS Graduation rate growth surpasses the national rate. CPS achieved a record high of 83.2%
 - Announcement – CPS Finalizes District Enrollment for 16-17 Year – Total enrollment is now at 381,349

Principal's Report

Shannae Jackson, Principal, shared the following:

- SAT Practice Test – juniors should see counselors for results
- PSAT – Official scores to be released between Dec 5th and Dec 7th

- College Board will visit Brooks to provide teachers with professional development resources, services, and instruction to use Khan Academy as the tutoring service for the SAT
- Tutoring has official started. Schedule to be posted.
- Academic Center /Report Card Pick Up went well Nov 10th.
- Open House was a success. Special Shout Out to the Student Ambassadors and Village of Brooks Parent Club. Turnout = 700 people.
- Freshman On-Track rate is 98.7% Last year was 92%
- LEAP visited Brooks and was impressed with the progress of classes that are piloting personalized learning. (7th Graders & 2 High School Classes)
- University of Wisconsin – Madison is monitoring, collecting data, and providing analysis of the pilot.
- BETA Pilot Program for High School – Starting February, 2017, Brooks will be provided additional resources to test/access different platforms to support personalized learning.
- VERIZON Grant - \$20K Innovative Learning Design – Several STEM teachers (Ms. Zayad, Mr. Kmicikewycz, Ms. Kuenster, and Mr. Reed) are working with students to create apps.
- University Partnership – working on strengthening partnership to increase the Dual Enrollment options for students
- Piloting 100% summative Standards Based Grading with all department chairs.
- Sports –
 - Academic Center Boys & Girls Basketball to start in January
 - Varsity Boys Basketball tryouts this week
 - 11/22/16 – School will host an Athletic Clearing House Workshops for those students wanting to play at the collegiate level.
 - Football/Soccer field construction is progressing and work will start soon.
 - Academic Center – circuit training will be offered every Saturday over the next couple of weeks.
- Counseling –
 - College Trip – University of Illinois 11/29th
 - College Representative at Brooks – Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 11/17th
 - FAFSA Training/Help will be provided in the Cube every Tuesday to Seniors
 - Senior College Knowledge – C days
- Library is now being manned by a staff employee and is open during the lunch hours.

Budget

Transfer-

The following are requests to transfer funds to clear up negative budget lines and CPS 21st Day reconciliation –

Negative Lines in the following amounts:

\$80.76

\$1,741.56

\$1,031.36

21st Day Adjustment by CPS:

(\$4,799.40)

(\$2,772.92)

Maurice Johnson moved to approve the above transfers and adjustments. Barbara Ware seconded. No objections were made and motion was passed.

Facility Usage –

Chairperson Griffin moved to allow Principal Jackson discretion with the approval of the use of the facility as long as the request did not adversely affect Brooks' culture, climate, or message. Objections were raised and motion did not pass.

- Pentecostal Church Apostolic Church of God – 11/17th or 12/22nd – Youth Ministry & Outreach Mentorship
- McDade CPS - 12/21st – Winter Performance, 2/20/17 – Black History Program, 6/14/17 – 6th grade promotion, 6/13/17 – Kindergarten promotion
- Mr. Dowdy – 11/19th – child birthday celebration
- CPS Network Events – 11/16th and 1/25/17

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

New Business

Fill Parent Vacancies – Parent –Mrs. West presented herself as a candidate for vacancy. LSC vote deferred until next LSC meeting in December.

Committee Formation – LSC members signed up for which committee (Bylaws, Principal Evaluation, and Budget) they wanted to serve. Chairperson Griffin noted the Principal Evaluation Committee will need to do their school visit soon.

Old Business

No old business.

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

Alexander Kmicikewycz shared the following:

- Reiterated for his temporary vacancy one teacher expressed an interest. Teachers will hold a vote soon.
- No PPLC meeting held this month.
- Ms. David – NHS held first Haunted School – was a success
- Ms. Ciciora – Latino Club held a Día de Muertos - “Day of the Dead” ceremony
- Verizon visited the STEM teachers to see the work the apps that being developed as result of their grant to the school.
- A fellow Fulbright scholar of Mr. Kmicikewycz visited the school and was impressed with the students and the teaching.

Public Participation/Comments

No public participation or comments.

Student Voice

Tyler Frazier, Student Representative, shared the following:

- Student Ambassadors are mentoring the 7th & 9th Graders. Would like the school administration to institute workshops to introduce these students to some soft skills, learn the “Bs” of Brooks, Class Cellphone policies, and overall how to learn to interact at the high school level.
- Students' views concerning how the SBG -100% summative is not favorable at this time.

- Would like to revisit the re-take policy.
- Encourage the teachers to allow students the opportunity to retake before final grades or report cards are issued. This is especially impactful to seniors as those grades are being shared with Colleges.

Closed Session

No closed session.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 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 12/13/2016.



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Monday, October 17, 2016

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CPS CEO Forrest Claypool Issues Statement on Chicago Students Outpacing Peers Nationwide in Graduation Rate Growth

The White House today announced that students across the nation achieved a record high graduation rate of 83.2 percent for the 2014-15 School Year (SY 14-15). As in many other academic achievements, Chicago Public Schools students are outpacing their peers with a graduation rate that is growing more than three times faster than the national rate.

In fact, even as the national achievement gap narrowed, CPS students also outpaced their peers. Nationally, the graduation rate for African American students grew 7.6 points, while CPS' analogous rate went up 12.6 points. The national rate for Hispanic students went up 6.8 while CPS' analogous rate went up 14.3 points.

CPS CEO Forrest Claypool issued the following statement on the White House's announcement:

“Chicago Public Schools is elated to see the tremendous growth in the national graduation rate, especially because Chicago students are leading the way, improving at more than three times the national rate. Chicago is on the forefront of improving the graduation rate and opening up opportunities to more students because of proven investments in keeping students on track from the moment they set foot in a high school. We congratulate every person in Chicago who helped our students outpace their peers around the country, but especially the teachers and principals who are dedicated to their success.”



News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, October 21, 2016

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CPS Finalizes District Enrollment for 2016-17 School Year

CPS Distributes Nearly \$13 Million in Program Support for Schools with Enrollment Challenges

CHICAGO – Chicago Public Schools today announced the official district-wide enrollment, which is tallied based on the 20th day analysis, as well as additional funding for schools facing significant enrollment or programmatic challenges.

Enrollment rates are as follows:

- System-wide CPS for School Year 2016-17 (SY16-17): 381,349
- CPS-run K-12 schools: 295,138
- K-12 charter schools: 63,405 (including alternative and options schools)

Based on larger-than-expected drops at a number of schools, CPS provided a total of \$12.8 million in additional program support to 116 schools that faced challenges providing a complete academic program.

“Protecting classrooms and offering Chicago’s students a strong academic experience is one of the most important things that we adults can do for children,” said CPS CEO Forrest Claypool. “This approach prioritizes classroom resources so that teachers, principals and students can continue their remarkable upward trajectory.”

	FY 16 Enrollment	FY 17 Enrollment
District-run Elementary Schools	225,827	217,812
District-run High Schools	77,321	77,326
Charter/Contract	55,823	55,252
Charter/Contract – Alternative	5,673	5,161
Alternative Learning Opportunity Programs	3,245	2,945
District-run Pre-K	22,556	20,673
SAFE	40	47
District Alternative	783	706
Specialty Schools (excl pre-K)	1,017	1,427
Total Enrollment	392,285	381,349