

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Valerie Grant, Secretary, took roll call.

1. Anthony Beale	Present
2. Tyler Frazier	Present
3. Jose' Garza	Late 6:23 PM
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	Present
10. Barbara Ware	Present
11. Principal, Shannae Jackson	Present

Approval of Agenda

By general consent, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting

By general consent, motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Denitra Griffin, Chairperson, shared the following:

Office of Local School Council Relations Report –

1. Freshman On-Track to Graduate – Increased to 87.4%
2. 5 YR Graduation Rate surged from 69.9% last year to 73.5% this year
3. More CPS students are enrolled in 4 year colleges than previous years. Beating the national average of 44%. CPS recognizes more work is necessary to improve this percentage for African American males
4. Safe Passage hired more workers.

Principal's Report

Shannae Jackson, Principal, shared the following:

- New Assistant Principals (AP) were introduced –
 - Melissa Resh – former principal at South Loop – will work on/with the following (Staff communication, Assessments, Counseling dept., Admissions, SAT Dream Team, Afterschool, Grade coordinator, Academic Intervention, Diverse Learners)
 - Brian Webb – former dean – will work on/with the following (Programming/Scheduling, External partnerships, Seminars, Operations, Before & After school tutoring, Celebration Cultural/Climate, Emergencies, Accident reporting, Athletic dept., Academic center)
- Additional Staff –

- Mr. Youngblood - Music
- Ms. Mortensen – STEM
- Ms. Sandhu – Computer Science
- Ms. Richards – Drama
- Ms. Mulder – English/Academic Center Counselor
- Student Ambassadors led the 7th Grade & Freshman Connections program over the summer. Special shout out to Tyler Frazier – Student Ambassadors’ President
- Special Shout out to Alderman Anthony Beale – It was recently announced that Brooks will receive a new football and soccer field in 2017
- Registration – Early Bird approach was a success. Plans to use this approach in future years. Over 700 parents registered and paid fees.
- Brooks was the recipient of a \$20K Grant from Verizon for Innovative Learning
- LEAP Grant Funds (\$250K) are being released. Funds will be used to pilot the personalized learning program. Pilots – 7th Grade and STEM Department (AP Courses)
- Last Year Success - ACT Scores – 22.7, Students were awarded \$25 M in Scholarships
- Academic Approach was chosen to provide the SAT tutoring for the school
- Curriculum Night planned for Thursday 10/6/2016
- Seminars will start up in a couple of weeks
- PIVOT was chosen to provide the Recruitment literature, create profile and video
- Open House 11/12/2016
- Homecoming Dance – 7th Graders 10/5/2016
- Homecoming Dance – High School 10/14/2016
- Homecoming Game – 10/13/2016
- Athletic Season for Soccer, Football, Volleyball (who took 3rd place in a weekend tournament), Track, and Tennis. Season to start soon for Academic Center
- Shout out to Mr. Alexander Kmicikewycz for winning a Fulbright Award. He was recently interviewed by WGN News.
- SAD News – Ms. Lampkin (former Science teacher) passed away. Her services are this week.
- Ms. Jackson shared the Facility Rental Agreement that is being drafted for LSC comments if any
- Enrollment – 927 (includes academic center numbers) last year 845

Budget

Transfer-

1 transfer for \$1,073.76 – Clear up negative line item (copiers).

Jacob Mitchell moved to approve the transfer and Barbara Ware seconded. No objections were made and motion was passed.

Fundraisers – Volleyball – Concessions Stands selling snacks.

Maurice Johnson moved to grant Principal Jackson the blanket authority to approve all school sponsored fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Mitchell seconded. No objections were raised and motion passed.

Facility Usage –

- Brooks Alumni Class 2007 – 10 year Class Reunion – June 25, 2017 *Chairperson Griffin encouraged networking opportunities.

- Brooks Basketball Parent Club – 7th/8th Grade Tournament – Gym access October 8, 2016 \$5 admission to be charged
- Carnegie CPS – 8th Grade Graduation – June 17, 2017
- ChiRise Productions – Stage play – October 21, 2016 –auditorium 1pm -3pm
- Back in the Day Club Inc. – stage production – November 19, 2016 – auditorium 11am – 9 pm

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

Expense Out –

Academic Approach - \$25,928.00 *Note –SAT Prep Fall 2016, 5 practice exams, and initial diagnostic for each junior.*

Vista Higher Learning - \$10,482.76 *Note – Fine Arts textbooks for world learners*

Mr. Beale motioned to approve expenses for payment. Mr. Mitchell seconded and motioned passed.

Committee Report

It was noted the committees have not been established for this school year. Agenda will be changed for the next meeting to establish committees.

New Business

Fill Parent Vacancies – LSC agreed to fill the vacancy on the council. The application will be posted on the school website. Vacancy posting will to be placed before end of the week. Secretary will coordinate.

Committee Formation – See note above under committee report.

Old Business

No old business.

Professional Personnel Leadership Council (PPLC) Report

Alexander Kmicikewycz has received a Fulbright Award that will allow him to teach in Singapore from Jan to June 2017. He will be physically absent from the LSC during this time period. He has the ability to participate via teleconference or video conference and would like to continue on the LSC using these methods. It was noted the LSC could consider participation using these methods if available. It was also noted the teachers wanted their representative to be physically present. Chairperson Griffin requested PPLC feedback. It was agreed this matter would be raised by the teachers in their PPLC and reported back to the LSC.

Public Participation/Comments

No participation/comments

Student Voice

Tyler Frazier, Senior, Student Representative shared the following:

- His background - Student Ambassadors’ President, Student Government, Encore- Tech Crew, Cadet Fire/Police Academy, Emergency Medic Trainee, CPS-School Advisory Council Representative.
- Students concerns –

- No access to Library – Students are not allowed during lunch hours. {Principal Jackson advised that the students have access to the Cube and Cafeteria. She has set up chrome books and printers in the cafeteria. However it is not a quiet place like the library. School has no plans to replace the librarian position at this time. She will look at different spaces to determine what can be done to alleviate the student concerns.}
- Parking Permits – Students wanted to know why they are being charged for parking. Could the school consider not charging a parking fee? {Principal Jackson advised that the fee will not be discontinued. Majority of the schools that have parking lots charge for parking. Fee must be paid by Oct 21' 2016}

Closed Session

No closed session.

Agenda set for next meeting

Adjournment

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Ware seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Brooks Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie L Grant

Valerie Grant
Secretary

These minutes were approved as read on 10/11/2016.