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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2016

******* 6:00 p.m. *******

Peirce Gymnatorium

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by JD.
2. Roll was called. Present were Lori Zaimi (LZ), Joe Dunne (JD), Jeff Korte (JK), Lupe Garcia (LG), John Azpeitia (JA2), Bill Kennedy (BK) arrived at 6:28 pm, Chris Drase (CD), Bridget Fabianski (BF), John Albrecht (JA1), and Maria Rodriguez (MR). Absent was James Morgan (JM).
3. MR motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, JA1 seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
4. School Uniforms –
The Peirce Student Council presented the results of their surveys. The results were as follows:
38 teachers took the survey; 29 said keep uniform, 9 said no uniform,
301 parents took the survey; 181 said keep uniform, 120 said no uniform,
565 students took the survey; 115 said keep uniform, 450 said no uniform.
Various comments from those in attendance were as follows:
Katie Silva (Peirce student) said she believes a uniform stops bullying.
Maria Carrera (Peirce parent) said the decision cannot be made by children because the parents are buying the clothing.
Alejandra (Peirce parent) said that having no uniform will make the difference between social classes more evident.
Gina Eshu (Peirce parent) said that not having a uniform allows too much room for interpretation.
She said it would cause more problems in the middle school.
Beatrix (Peirce student) said she believes a uniform shows pride for the school.
JD asked LZ to circulate a list of potential guidelines for a “dress code”. Further discussion and a vote regarding school uniforms would be postponed until next month’s meeting.
5. Public Participation – none
6. Items Needing Council Approval –
 - a) BF motioned to approve the Minutes from the February 16, 2016 special meeting, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. MR, BK, and JA2 abstained.
 - b) Approval of the Minutes from the March 24, 2016 regular meeting was postponed until the May LSC meeting.
7. Budget – no new news
8. Transfer of Funds – LZ made a motion to transfer \$700 of PAC funds to cover Spanish classes, LG seconded. All present voted in favor. LZ made a motion to have a check written for \$7,417 to pay for the 8th grade Odyssey Graduation Celebration, MR seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Internal Accounts – LZ motioned to approve the Internal Account for March 2016, JD seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

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10. Least Restrictive Environment – LZ reported that there has been an increase of 4 students needing services.
11. Old Business –
 - a) LSC Elections – the election for the 2016-2018 LSC term took place on Wednesday, April 13. Parent representatives are John Azpeitia, Joe Dunne, Eilene Edejer, Bill Kennedy, Jeff Korte, and Jorge Rodriguez. Community representatives are Joanne DeSanctis Kirk and Ariadna Ginez. Teacher representatives are Shannan Dietz and Brooke Thompson. Non-Teaching Staff representative is Lynn Carro.
MR motioned to approve the certification of the LSC Election Results as presented by Principal Zaimi, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
 - b) LC Candidate Forum - none
12. New Business –
 - a) Fundraising Approvals – LZ motioned to approve a fundraiser of Peirce IB profile bracelet sales, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
13. School Reports
 - a) PSO – BK reported that upcoming events were discussed at the last meeting.
 - b) PAC – Maria Carrera reported that Spanish classes have begun for parents, that on April 29th from 12 to 2 a psychologist will make a presentation, and there will be an arts & crafts day at their next meeting in honor of Mother’s Day.
 - c) FOP – JD reported that on Peirce Day will be held on May 1st at Hopleaf. Fiesta de Arte will be held on June 4th. Walk-a-Thon will be held on May 13th. Discussion continues about a trivia night to be held at the Pork Shoppe in Andersonville.
 - d) Principals Report – LZ provided a handout to the Council.
14. Public Participation –
 - a) Gina Eshu has concerns that the nurse is only at school one day a week. She said that medical circumstances happen during more than one day. LZ said that she would look into the process of getting another nurse assigned to the school.
15. Announcements – Katie Hopkins announced that in honor of Arbor Day, a tree will be planted on Peirce grounds.
16. Executive Session for the purpose of Principal Evaluation – JK motioned that the council move into executive session at 8:02 pm, JD seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
BF motioned to exit executive session and return to open session at 9:22 pm, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
17. Motion to Approve Principal Evaluation – BF motioned to approve the cumulative scores of the evaluation of the principal. A voice vote was taken. All present voted in YES.

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18. MR motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm, LG seconded. All present voted in favor.

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