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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 2015

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

Peirce Gymnatorium

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by JD.
2. Roll was called. Present were Lori Zaimi (LZ), Bridget Fabianski (BF), Joe Dunne (JD), John Albrecht (JA1), John Azpeitia (JA2), Jeff Korte (JK), Maria Rodriguez (MR), Chris Drase (CD), Lupe Garcia (LG), and Bill Kennedy (BK) arrived at 6:17. Absent was James Morgan (JM).
3. JA1 motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, LG seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation - none
5. Items Needing Council Approval –
 - a. JA1 motioned to approve the Minutes from the September 24, 2015 regular meeting, LG seconded. All present voted in favor.
6. School Budget 2015-2016 School Year – LZ reported receiving adjustment in budget numbers; Peirce suffered no loss but instead received a slight increase in SBB funds. SPED received one position but lost two classroom assistants. Peirce has submitted an appeal and is waiting to hear on the results. LZ attended 5 half day trainings on budget. At these sessions she learned that she had inadvertently moved budget money without receiving LSC approval prior to doing so. Tonight's transfer of funds requests are to correct this error and to formally receive the LSC approval. LZ informed the council that starting this school year monies in 115 City funds need LSC approved to be moved.
7. Transfer of Funds – no state or federal funds to be transferred. JD motioned to approved the transfer of 115 Funds as follows; \$313.60 to pay two custodians for 5 hours each for working overtime on Saturday October 24, 2105 for the Peirce Centennial Open House, \$8500 to open a bucket for After School All Stars program, \$1,135.86 to purchase a desktop computer for the AP, \$4200 to correct money for website which was put in wrong program code, and \$7,835.90 to pay for dance program, MR seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
8. Motion to raise limit on transfers of funds without LSC pre-approval to \$5000: JK motions that the principal be allowed to transfer funds in 115 City, 225 State, 332 Federal, and also Internal Accounts up to \$5000 without prior LSC approval, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Internal Accounts: LZ reported that outstanding checks have been reconciled; moving forward there are no outstanding checks that are more than a year old. MR motioned to approve the internal account for the months of August 2015 and September 2015, JA1 seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
10. Least Restrictive Environment – no changes this month. LZ noted that on October 27th there will be two sessions for parents which will be hosted by the SPED Team to explain what DL's are, what an IEP is, and what it is like to have these children in general education classrooms.

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11. Old Business –

- a. LSC Training Needs – no update
- b. LSC Committees: LZ reported that the first Safety & Security (S&S) meeting was held on October 21, 2015. Three parents were in attendance along with Mrs. Karen Wolfe. Discussed were outreach to the broader community, community planning meeting, parents entering the school building must sign in, incidents which occur on-site and off-site of school grounds, and student communication through social media. LZ noted that there are cameras outside but some need to be repaired. AP attended the recent CAPS meeting. BK reported that the Principal Review Committee (PRE) will be organizing a meeting soon.

12. New Business –

a. Fundraising

- I. UNICEF – Peirce parent Manini Rao proposed that Peirce approve UNICEF as one of this year’s school fundraisers. She spoke about how this fundraiser could be linked to global citizenship and international learning. Many questions were asked and good discussion was had. JK motioned that the LSC approved an in school facilitated activity to benefit UNICEF, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
- II. Peirce Centennial – Open House from 1 to 4 pm and Centennial Gala at Loyola from 7 to 10 pm this Saturday October 24, 2015
- III. Friends of Peirce – JD reported that the Annual Pledge Drive will begin soon. LZ motioned to approve the FOP Pledge Drive to benefit school assemblies to be held on vertical days when teachers are in meetings, JK seconded the motion. All voted in favor, JD abstained. JD motioned to approved in-school fundraising activities including Student Council Spirit Days, Scholastic Book Fair, International Dinner, Walk-A-Thon, Fiesta de Arte, and school uniform sales, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

13. School Reports

- a. PSO – no report
- b. PAC – LZ reported that Maria Carrera has been elected president for another year. PAC approved the budget that was presented to the LSC with the intension that if they need to move funds in the future, they will ask the LSC.
- c. BAC – LZ reported that two meetings have been held and no one is interested in the officer positions. LZ will work on recruiting parent to form that committee.
- d. FOP – JD reported that FOP approved funding \$44,545 for the following items:
 - \$400 for garden supplies
 - \$4700 for in-school assemblies
 - \$1500 for Debate Team Buses

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- \$3100 for Girls on the Run program
- \$2065 for new Cheerleading program
- \$5000 for annual Library support
- \$1000 for field trips
- \$5850 for Teacher Stipends
- \$5300 for Dancing with Class program
- \$2000 for Raven Theatre program
- \$1000 for online applications
- \$2650 for PSO budget
- \$9980 for Sound System

e. Principals Report – LZ provided a handout.

Highlights included:

- Principal and Assistant Principal work to be visible as often as possible during morning entry and dismissal
- Principal attended 5 half day trainings on budget
- Peirce had a financial audit on October 15 and 16, 2015
- Mr. Aigner has left Peirce. Principal is in the process of hiring a case Manager/EL Lead teacher.
- Principal has participated in student IEP meetings and has developed a monthly SPED Team meeting.
- IB program coordinators review teacher's weekly lesson plans, and provide feedback and support.
- PYP teachers are currently developing 6 units of study that are aligned to both IB and CCSS.
- Principal and Assistant Principal have begun teacher observations to make sure that all evaluation are completed before the May deadline.
- BAG (Behavior, Academic, Grades) data and school data sheet are used to support teachers understanding of where individual student are at academically, who is at risk, student attendance, and student behavior.
- Parapet Wall outside of door 2 has been approved to be fixed.
- Centennial Celebration activities will include a 100 year student photo, a street dedication, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bricolage project, an open house, and a Gala at Loyola University.

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- Principal takes staff, parent, and student confidentiality seriously – works to maintain a positive relationship with all stakeholders.
14. Public Participation – Manini Rao said that picture day proofs will be distributed. Some parents wanted a group picture and others desired a composite picture.
15. Announcements
- CD invited Maria Cruz to attend the LSC meeting.
 - JA1 noted that LZ attended both the EGA and the EARC meetings and those in attendance appreciated her introducing herself as the new principal and sharing many exciting things happening at the school.
 - JA1 announced that on November 12 from 6:30 to 9 pm EERC would hold their annual Wine & Cheese gathering. There will be a silent auction, a brief meeting and elections will be held. All are welcome to attend.
 - Manini Rao stated that a Centennial magnet has been made to give to all participants who come to the centennial activities
16. MR motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, LG seconded. All present voted in favor.

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