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**MINUTES**

**PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, August 20, 2015**

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

**Peirce Gymnasium**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by JD.
2. Roll was called. Present were Lori Zaimi (LZ), Bridget Fabianski (BF), Joe Dunne (JD), John Albrecht (JA), James Morgan (JM), Jeff Korte (JK), Lupe Garcia (LG), Maria Rodriguez (MR). Bill Kennedy (BK) and Chris Drase (CD) were absent.
3. JM motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, MR seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation
  - a. Karen Dreyfuss – Noted that the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Back to School picnic will take place on September 2 and the Edgewater 5K run will take place on September 27. Stated that there police report filed in connection with an incident that began on the Peirce grounds and to please contact Marko Zaric, at the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward office, to help advocate for Peirce safety by being a court advocate.
  - b. Paisley Peterson – asked how the school is involved and if there were any concerns about after school hours. LZ responded that there will be an increased police presence and any suspicious activity should be brought to the attention of the police department. Teachers and staff have been trained to protect students.
5. Items Needing Council Approval – MR stated that because of her absence, the July 23, 2015 minutes are still in progress. The council agreed to table the vote of those minutes until the next meeting.
6. School Budget 2015-2016 School Year – LZ stated that the budget was uploaded into the system and no amendments need to be made at this time. She stated that there are currently 927 students enrolled. Sally is calling families on the waitlist.
7. Transfer of Funds – No federal or state funds were transferred.
8. Motion to Approve School Photographer –LZ motioned to approve HR Imaging Partners as the school photographer for the 2015-2016 school year, JD seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Least Restrictive Environment – No report this month
10. Old Business – JK, JD, and LZ will make a list of the executive session tapes. **ACTION ITEM:** JD to review OMA regulations regarding recordings.
11. New Business –
  - a. LSC Vacancies – there are two vacancies that need to be filled (1 parent and 1 non-teaching staff). JK motioned to post the vacancy for the parent presentative and the non-teaching staff representative beginning on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 with an end date for application submission of Friday, September 18 by 3:00 pm, JA seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
  - b. LSC Trainings – all council members need to be up to date with their trainings.

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12. School Reports

- a. PSO – no report
- b. FOP – Eggs for Kids planning is progressing
- c. PAC – no report
- d. Principals Report – LZ provided a handout.

Highlights included:

- All one on one staff meetings have been completed – meetings have allowed for insight on individual staff and school-wide needs.
- Met with counselor and Network SEL specialist to begin the development of a school-wide counseling plan. Counselor has been attending training as it relates to counseling curriculum. Counselor has been paired with a veteran counsel from another school to provide support in thinking through programming.
- Peirce will continue to receive a Restorative Practices Coach 2 days a week from Alternatives.
- Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will enter the school at 7:55 to allow for a smoother transition into the school day.
- Two Middle School Science teachers have been hired. Still interviewing for 5<sup>th</sup> grade ESL, temporary teacher for Dance, and Middle School Humanities.
- Met with Jennifer Dunne around possible collaboration with the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic. Working on an ASAS programming which may be fee based.

LZ noted that there are roughly \$3600 in school checks that have not been cashed. These checks need to be reverted back into cash and put back into accounts

13. Public Participation - none

14. Announcements

- JA noted that LZ would attend that upcoming Edgewater Glen Association and Lakewood Balmoral Association meetings – dates TBD.
- JA stated that an EERC Social, sponsored by the Wolf family who live on Gregory Street, will take place on the Peirce play lot on Saturday, August 22 from 11-2pm – all are welcome to attend.
- LZ reported that the Centennial event planning is progressing - former principal Rosales and longtime Peirce supporter Linda England have been diligently working with the committee. LZ said the Centennial website would be up soon.

15. JA motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm, MR seconded. All present voted in favor.

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