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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2016

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

Peirce Gymnatorium

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by JK.
2. Roll was called. Present were Lori Zaimi (LZ), Jeff Korte (JK), John Albrecht (JA1), Chris Drase (CD), Maria Rodriguez (MR), Lupe Garcia (LG), John Azpeitia (JA2), James Morgan (JM) and Bridget Fabianski (BF). Absent were Bill Kennedy (BK) and Joe Dunne (JD).
3. JA1 motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, LG seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation –
 - a) Gina Eshu thanked the school for the additional school t-shirt option. She said she purchased several t-shirts and her children are very happy.
5. Items Needing Council Approval –
 - a) JA1 motioned to approve the Minutes from the January 21, 2016 regular meeting, LZ seconded. All present voted in favor.
6. Budget – LZ noted that a Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 to discuss and approve mid-year changes to the budget as well as any transfer of funds associated with those changes.
7. Transfer of Funds – none (see Budget above)
8. Internal Accounts – LZ motioned to approve the Internal Account for January 2016, MR seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Least Restrictive Environment – no changes this month. LZ reported that 2 of the 4 Special Ed positions have been filled and that she is still interviewing to fill 2 more positions. She has also put in a request for two additional SPED positions from downtown.
10. Old Business –
 - a) CIWP – LZ reported that a survey has been sent out to parents, as well as to teachers to provide input into the School Effectiveness Framework. A guide for parent focus groups has been created; PSO, PAC, and BAC will each host a meeting with their members. The next steps include setting data goals and identifying 3 to 5 priority areas along with an action plan for those areas.
 - b) School Uniforms – LZ reported that the Student council has developed and sent out a survey on school uniforms to students, teachers, and parents. The next step are to analysis the data and then to present the results to the LSC.
 - c) Sexual Health Program – LZ reported that an information session for parents was held. Parents have the option to opt their children out of the program. All teachers are in the process of completing a online 10 module training class.
 - d) Lunchroom concerns – LZ reported that recent concerns have decreased after being addressed.

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- e) Federal Grant Charter Schools – A letter addressed to Senator Steans was drafted and will be delivered to her by LZ, JD, and JK tomorrow, February 19, 2016, during a meeting at 3 pm. Letters drafted to a broader array of local public figures will be sent soon.
- 11. New Business – none
 - 12. School Reports
 - a) PSO – upcoming events were discussed at the last meeting.
 - b) PAC – parent workshops were discussed at the last meeting. A computer class for parents has been planned and LZ reported that many parent have already signed up to participate.
 - c) BAC – will soon pick workshop that CPS will pay for.
 - d) FOP – met with Michael Roper to discuss the reinvention of the K4K event. Discussed was moving away from K4K and Eggs of Kids. Mr. Roper has offered to open his restaurant, possibly twice a year, and give all proceeds from the day(s) to FOP. Discussion continues and details are being worked out.
 - e) PPLC – will meet soon to discuss the CIWP.
 - f) Principals Report – LZ provided a handout.
 - 13. Public Participation –
 - a) Gina Eshu asked LZ if she will be interviewing to replace Mr. Parsons, who recently left his teaching position at Peirce. LZ said that she already has begun the interview process.
 - 14. Announcements – none
 - 15. JM motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm, LZ seconded. All present voted in favor.

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