



Peirce School of International Studies

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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

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

Peirce School Teacher's Lounge

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Principal Zaimi
2. Roll was called. Present were Lori Zaimi (LZ), Maria Rodriguez (MR), Bridget Fabianski (BF), Chris Drase (CD), Sandra Leander (SL), Joe Dunne (JD), John Albrecht (JA), James Morgan (JM), Jeff Korte (JK), and Lupe Garcia (LG). Bill Kennedy (BK) was absent.
3. CD motioned that JD act as temporary chairperson. SL seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. JK motioned that JM act as temporary secretary. LZ seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. JD motioned to approve the order of the agenda. SL seconded the motion. All voted in favor. (BF was out of the room).
6. JA motioned that JD be permanent chairperson. SL seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. All voted in favor.
7. SL motioned that MR be permanent secretary, CD seconded. A voice vote was taken. All voted in favor.
8. MR motioned that JK be permanent vice-chairperson, JA seconded. A voice vote was taken. All voted in favor.
9. MR will continue as OMA/FOIA Officer for the 2015-2016 school year.
10. Public Participation: Facilitator Marcus Pittman informed the council that there will be no classroom trainings for the month of July. However, online training is available. Module 5, Principal Evaluation, is still being finalized and should be approved at the July CPS Board meeting.
11. Schedule of Regular Meetings for the 2015-2016 School Year are as follows:

July 23, 2015

August 20, 2015

September 24, 2015

October 22, 2015

November 19, 2015

December 17, 2015

January 21, 2016

February 18, 2016

March 24, 2016

April 14, 2016

May 19, 2016

June 16, 2016

All meetings will be held at 6 pm in the school gym/auditorium

12. Structure of LSC Meetings:
 - a. Duration of School Reports: Discussion revolved around consolidating the reports into written reports that could be circulated prior to the LSC meeting, therefore giving all members time to read. JD will ask BK to be the coordinator of gathering written minutes from the groups and committees. If not, JD will take on this responsibility.
 - b. PAC, BAC, PPLC, PSO, FOP, Safety & Security, and Engineer's Report will be allowed 2 minutes each to report. Principal's Report will be allowed 5 minutes to report.
 - c. Public Participation: Discussion revolved around whether to have two or three opportunities for public participation on the monthly agenda. A voice vote was taken; 5 members voted for 2 times, 4 members voted for 3 times, and 1 member abstained. The council agreed to have 2 opportunities for the public to address the council per meeting.

JK motioned that all groups/committees will be allowed 2 minutes to report and the principal will be allowed 5 minutes to report to the council at monthly LSC meetings, also that the public be allowed 2 opportunities to address the council per

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meeting, and that one person be responsible for collecting and distributing committee reports to the council. JA seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

13. By Laws: This item was tabled until next month for closer review of the By Laws.
14. LSC Committees and Officers: This item was tabled until next month. Discussion to be included with LSC By Laws review. All members agreed that more robust committees are needed to augment the LSC monthly meetings. Forming a Budget Committee would be most helpful.
15. Accept Rules of Order: This item was tabled until next month.
16. Other Business: LZ gave the council a list of items that she has been working on since accepting the position of principal. The list included upcoming items that she is going to work on in the near future.

Highlights include:

- Principal has meet with 30 of 67 staff members for one-on-one conversations,
- Principal has completed a building walk with the school Engineer,
- Principal has met with Susan Lofton to discuss opportunities for collaboration with Peirce,
- Principal has met with the IB Coordinators to discuss IB proگرامing at Peirce,
- Principal has met with Alderman Osterman and his Education Liaison,
- Principal has sent out a staff survey to begin developing relationships and to learn more about staff and school needs,
- Principal will attend 10 days of professional development.

JA informed the council that EARC is very interested in meeting with Principal Zaimi. Lakewood Balmoral and Edgewater Glen Association are interested in meeting with her as well.

JA spoke about how yard signs saying “I Support Peirce” would be a great way to promote the school and to show support in light of recent divisiveness. LZ will ask PSO if they will help with this outreach idea.

17. JD announced that the first Regular Meeting will be July 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym/auditorium. Public access to the meeting will be through door #8.
18. MR motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. LG seconded the motion. All voted in favor.