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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2016

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

Peirce Gymnatorium

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by JD.
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 Joe Dunne (JD). Absent were Bill Kennedy (BK) and Bridget Fabianski (BF).
3. JA1 motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, MR seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Senator Heather Steans re: Federal Grant for Charter School Expansion –
Senator Steans present comments to the Council and to the audience. She was well spoken and knowledgeable about the need for equitable funding for all schools. She stated that her letter of support for Charter school expansion is for neighborhoods that want/need Charter schools. She noted that some neighborhoods do not have strong neighborhood schools, so for them a Charter school would be beneficial.
Senator Steans announced that there will be a Town Hall Meeting regarding education funding equities in Illinois on March 30, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm at Loyola University Galvin Auditorium.
5. Public Participation – John Gilroy, Karen Dreyfuss, and Anne Hopkins asked the Senator questions which she answered directly.
6. Items Needing Council Approval –
 - a) JK motioned to approve the Minutes from the February 18, 2016 regular meeting, JA1 seconded. All present voted in favor. JD abstained.
 - b) Approval of the Minutes from the February 16, 2016 special meeting were postponed until the next LSC meeting.
7. Budget – none
8. Transfer of Funds – LZ motioned to approve \$454.73 to clear a negative, \$1,662.23 to clear a negative, and \$1,923.90 to clear a negative, JD seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Internal Accounts – LZ motioned to approve the Internal Account for February 2016, JK seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
10. Least Restrictive Environment – no changes to student totals this month. LZ reported that there are still 2 vacancies to fill. There were 4 Special Ed teachers at the beginning of the year, now there are 8.
11. Old Business –
 - a) CIWP – LZ reported that she has been asked to submit a draft to downtown. However, the CIWP will not be approved until the state of Illinois has an approved budget.
 - b) School Uniforms – differed until next meeting
12. New Business –

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- a) LSC Elections – will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2016
 - b) LSC Candidate Forum – will be held on Thursday April 7, 2016 at 6 pm
13. School Reports
- a) PSO – Karen Dreyfuss reported that upcoming events were discussed at the last meeting.
 - b) PAC – no update
 - c) BAC – no update.
 - d) FOP – Fiesta de Arte will be held on June 4 and Walk-a-Thon on May 13. Funded \$1200 for 3 school fieldtrips. Trivia night at the Pork Shoppe is in the works. Hopleaf will donate all proceeds to Peirce from sales on May 1st.
 - e) PPLC – no update
 - f) PEC – next month the council will go into executive session for the purpose of Principal Evaluation
 - g) Principals Report – LZ provided a handout.
 - a) Public Participation – none
14. Announcements – LZ announced that there will be a forum at Senn on Monday March 28, 2016 at 6 pm for the 3 principal candidates.
15. MR motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm, JA2 seconded. All present voted in favor.

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