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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 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), Joe Dunne (JD), Jeff Korte (JK), Lupe Garcia (LG), John Azpeitia (JA2), Bill Kennedy (BK), Chris Drase (CD), Bridget Fabianski (BF), and James Morgan (JM). Absent were John Albrecht (JA1), and Maria Rodriguez (MR).
3. BK motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, JA2 seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation –
 - a) Gina Eshu said that she would like to see a decision made regarding the dress code. She encouraged the council to vote on the issue.
 - b) Jorge Rodriguez came to the meeting to observe.
5. Items Needing Council Approval –
 - a) BF motioned to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2016 regular meeting, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. JM abstained.
 - b) JM motioned to approve the Minutes from the March 24, 2016 regular meeting, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. BK and BF abstained.
 - c) BF motioned to approve the Minutes from the April 14, 2016 executive session, BK seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. JM abstained.
6. Budget –

Discussion was had about the 20 for 20 funding campaign. Parents are encouraged to travel to Springfield next Thursday. A 30% cut to the Peirce School budget would equal \$1.2 million. It would be a devastating and could potentially mean the loss of 12 teaching positions. CPS must pass a budget by August 30th.
7. Transfer of Funds – LZ made a motion to transfer (from 225 funds) \$150 to purchase walkie-talkie, \$3,450 to purchase walkie-talkie, and \$2,782.24 to purchase equipment for classrooms (from 332 funds) \$117.20 to clear a negative, \$2,723 to pay for Lesson Study Alliance, \$948.09 to pay for National Geographic and Scholastic Magazine, \$4,300 to pay for Newsela Licenses, \$3,700 to purchase supplies for all classrooms, and \$3,000 to purchase a smart board for room 207, BK seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. JK abstained due to late arrival.
8. Internal Accounts – LZ motioned to approve the Internal Account for April 2016, LG seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
9. Least Restrictive Environment – LZ reported that there are still two open positions to be filled and this will happen next school year.
10. Old Business –

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- a) School Uniforms – LZ stated that she wanted the Student Council to take the lead and learn from the experience because they were the ones that brought it up. LZ has spoken with the Middle School teachers this week. LZ stated the “A student’s first experience of the day should not be related to what they wear.” She said that she has seen students send out of the classroom first thing in the morning. In her opinion instructional time should not be spent on uniforms. The staff stance is ‘if there is a policy, then it should be enforced’. The middle school teachers have said that they like the uniform, but if the policy is not enforced then it should be gotten rid of. CD said that in her classroom she would be enforcing some sort of dress code because it is not a free-for-all. 72% of the teachers surveyed voted to keep the uniform as is. The current uniform has been in place since 2001. JM motioned to remove the existing uniform policy, LG seconded the motion. More discussion was had. LZ would like the motion amended to include replacement with a dress code. CD motioned that we table JM’s motion until June to allow for development of a dress code, BF seconded the motion. All present voted and the motion did not pass. JM motioned to amend his original motion to say LSC removes current existing uniform policy for the fall school year and that the LSC review and adopt a school dress code, LZ seconded the amended motion. All present voted and the motion did not pass. LZ will put together a proposal for a dress code and distribute to the council before next month’s meeting.
 - b) CIWP – LZ emailed out where we were at in the process.
 - c) Fundraising – LZ motioned to hold an out of uniform day fundraiser to raise money for the Paws Animal Shelter, BK seconded the motion. Lupe departed at 7:34. All present voted in favor.
11. New Business –
- a) Student Fees – LZ stated that Peirce is on the low end of what schools charge for student fees. She would like to raise the student fee amount. LZ motioned to approve a \$50 fee capped at \$100 per family, BK seconded. All present voted in favor.
 - b) Organizational Meeting – LZ motioned to hold the LSC Organizational Meeting on July 7, 2016 at 6pm in the Gym, JD seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.
12. School Reports
- a) FOP – JD reported that Fiesta de Arte will be held on June 4th, Trivia Night will be held on June 5th at the Pork Shoppe in Andersonville, and volunteers are needed to man the beer booths for the upcoming Midsommerfest in Andersonville.
 - b) Principals Report – LZ provided a handout to the Council.
13. Public Participation – none
14. Announcements – none
15. Executive Session for the purpose of Principal Evaluation – JK motioned that the council move into executive session at 7:56 pm, JA2 seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

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BK motioned to exit executive session and return to open session at 8:15 pm, LZ seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

16. Motion to Approve Principal Evaluation – BK motioned to finalize the cumulative scores of the evaluation of the principal. JK seconded the motion. All present voted YES. LZ abstained.

17. LZ motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, JD seconded. All present voted in favor.

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