



Peirce School of International Studies

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Peirce Local School Council
1423 W Bryn Mawr
Organizational Meeting for 2020-2021 Extended Term 07/01/2020 – 01/10/2021
Thursday, July 9th at 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:04pm (BK)
2. LSC Attendance
 - (video) – Present were John Azpeitia (JA), Lori Zaimi (LZ), Evan Trad (ET), Geri Baumgarten (GB), Joe Dunne (JD), Bill Kennedy (BK), Aisha Noble (AN), Gina Eshu (GE), Tremaine Maebrly (TM), and Carl Coates (CC).
3. Selection of Temporary Chairperson -- BK was nominated by GE and selected as temporary chair, 2nd by JD.
4. Selection of Temporary Secretary – CC was nominated and selected as Temporary Secretary
5. Approval of Agenda -- BK made a motion to approve agenda, GE made a motion to amend the agenda to add in a section for Announcements and updates before public participation. GE clarified that we can gather information but we cannot vote on any items. Motion passed unanimously. (A racial slur was posted during this discussion likely from an outsider who hacked into the meeting.) Another motion made (AN) to the agenda to discuss the racial slur that was posted to the next item on the agenda. TM seconded, passed unanimously. Discussion centered around frustration and anger with the disruption, solutions for future meetings including RSVPs, Google video meet, structuring a webinar, the process of reporting the incident to CPS, guidance from the district in terms of how to identify the hacker, how to communicate the incident to the community and explaining why future practices for virtual meetings. BK and TM will be taking the lead on writing the letter. As of now, Peirce LSC will look to have meetings on Google Video Meet. Public participants and LSC members added comments of anger, disturbance, reminders of the pervasive nature of racism and hateful actions.
6. Nominations and Selection of Chairperson -- GE nominated BK as Chair and TM seconded. BK was voted in unanimously.
7. Nominations and Selection of the Secretary -- JD nominated JA for secretary. GE seconded. JA was voted in unanimously. BK to share email account information with JA.
8. Nominations and Selection of the Vice-Chair -- CC nominated AN as Vice-Chair. Discussion ensued about whether a community rep can serve as Vice-Chair. TM made a motion to table the vote until guidance has been received from CPS. CC seconded. JA offered to do an IF-THEN vote regarding. JD asserted that the Vice-Chair vote be tabled until more guidance is received. Guidance provided by Willy Montes de Oca to AN that any LSC member can be Vice-Chair. Motion untable and seconded (BK). Unanimous vote (yes). LZ suggested that by-laws be changed to allow a community rep to serve as Vice-chair.
9. Nominations and Selection of FOIA/OMA -- JA nominated TM for secretary. CC seconded. TM was voted in unanimously.
10. Set Regular Meetings Schedule for School Year Newly – Motion (TM) and seconded (GE) to approve the following dates/times for meetings: all at 6pm CT – 2020: September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th; 2021: Jan 21st. Motion passes unanimously.

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11. Adopt / Re-adopt Bylaws or Establish Bylaws Committee – Established bylaws committee: CC, JD and AN. BK motions, TM seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
12. Announce Date of First Regular Meeting – first regular meeting: 8/20/20, 6pm CT
13. Principal Updates
 - No update at this time on CPS info on why off-duty CPD is needed or was hired as security staff for Peirce. Principal Zaimi will address parent and LSC questions for discussion at August 2020 LSC meeting. TM to follow up with Principal Zaimi regarding SRO/off duty security questions in preparation for the August 20th meeting. GE shared invitation to join the Senn organizational meeting this upcoming Tuesday at 6:15pm.
 - PPE: zero guidance from CPS about PPE, social guidance, scheduling, entry, logistics items, etc. LSC/Parents voiced concerns if Peirce will step up and prepare for school year where CPS isn't stepping up.
 - Information shared by LSC member that some teachers are hesitant to come back, and concerned if in building when pregnant or if immunocompromised
 - Request from LSC for additional communication from Principal/APs to reach out to families for visibility and fall school start preparation communication.
 - LSC/Parent concerns regarding Aramark responsibilities -- does Principal Zaimi have a direct say in custodial staff duties since they report to Aramark. Principal Zaimi directly communicates with custodial crew.
 - LSC question: How are we going to track the CIWP going forward. Per Principal Zaimi, the capability exists and can be shared on a monthly basis from the tracking tool.
 - LSC question: Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month celebration? – will be part of planning for the fall
 - GE to share list of concerns and questions, including items above, with the LSC and Principal Zaimi to get and track updates as available or as part of principal report at LSC meetings.
14. Public Participation – none, as public participation was included during principal updates.
15. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn (TM), GE seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Adjourned at 8pm.

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