

SOUTH LOOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL (LSC)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Location: South Loop Elementary School, Main Building, Cafeteria

1. Call to order at: 6:23PM
Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Shelton, Thompson, LaCoco, Agrawal, Easterly, Melhado, Pieper, Stinson-Marti, Fazekas, Sohel. Absent: Jackson, Johnson.
10 members and a quorum present at: 6:24 PM
3. Motion to approve agenda KL/SS
No discussion
Motion carries: 10-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain
4. Motion to approve minutes from October 14, 2015 Regular LSC Meeting (SS/BT)
No discussion
Motion carries: 10-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain
5. Motion to review and approve internal accounting balances ending October 31, 2015 and November 30, 2015 (AF/RA)
Discussion:
 - As of October 31, 2015 = \$78,230.00
 - As of November 30, 2015 = \$33,040.80Motion carries: 10-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain
6. Reports
 - a. Principal (Ms. Resch)
 - i. *School Leadership*
 - Principal Shelton continues to serve as an Independent School Principal (ISP), she sits on the “*Utilization of diverse student-level data to drive instructional improvement*” working group.

Group focuses on using data to drive instructional gains for students and will include site visits.

- Principal Shelton also serves on the Principal Advisory Committee who advise CAO Janice Jackson on issues relating to policies that affect principals.
- Math Team's SMART goal: raise the number of students reaching their growth targets on NWEA
- Literacy Team is focused on writing across the curricula and is collaborating to integrate content with the Social Studies and STEM teams.
- MTSS team is focused on targeted instruction for those students performing under grade level, who are without an IEP but need additional support based on teacher recommendations or academic achievement.
- ILT looking at NWEA data. ILT is driving PD plan internally, especially for Thursday afternoon PD (teacher driven)
- Lighthouse Team continues to focus on school climate and culture

ii. Instructional Leadership

- Erikson Partnership: Ongoing PD and support to create thematic units that incorporate social studies and STEM into the literacy block. This includes for math: Math Talks and Number Streams, and for ELA/Social Studies: Lucy Calkins and Facing History. Both promote and support collaboration amongst teachers- which research shows drives instructional improvement.
- Mastery Connect (MC) is amping up in 2nd semester and will be more embedded in formative assessment. Going to Gwendolyn Brooks school who use MC in January – this came about because of ISP designation.

- Math Team is also using IXL, an online program that targets specific areas of need. All questions are linked to CCSS which will be helpful for NWEA and PARCC. IXL is in place for grades 5 -8 and 4th will be incorporated in January
- Front Row Ed is another web-based program in use for reading comprehension and math

iii. Student-Centered Learning Climate

- Boy's 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade football teams were Network champions
- Upcoming out of uniform days will raise money for the 8th grade trip.
- Next week is PBIS Spirit Week (Positive Behavior Intervention Support): sports day, College Week, Halloween (character from literature).
- Upcoming NED Show: Character education assembly (**N**ever Give up, **E**ncourage others, **D**o your best)
- Winter fine arts performances 12/10 for K-1, 12/16 for 2-8. General music and band, with the Chicago Children's Choir
- Wellness Fieldtrip: The 4th grade went to Jones College Prep for physical fitness stations led by Jones' PE leaders (honors PE students)
- Lyric Opera at Jones: 5th/6th grade students went to a workshop and performance hosted by the Lyric Opera at Jones College Prep
- Sphinx Virtuosi String Ensemble performed for 4th graders
- Leadership Luncheons: honor South Loop Leaders of the Month. These have been funded by the administration, looking to support with additional fundraising in the community. CPS has limited support.

- Beta Club Service Projects: Food Drive in November, winter accessory and toy drive for families in the Roseland Community

iv. Professional Development and Human Resource Management

- Thursday Professional Development is ongoing: ILT-planned, teacher-led PD, meets every Thursday through January. Topics include: differentiation/meeting standards at different levels of attainment; MasteryConnect and action-planning on its implementation; Leader in me, Advisory, Leadership Binders; meeting the needs of diverse learner's (IEPs, 504s) and the legal requirements/ramification of implementing accommodations and modifications.
- Facing History and Erickson includes ongoing coaching including classroom observations and leadership and support for distributed leadership.
- New Hires: Ms. Beals is now full time at the Branch (Diverse Learner Specialist); new diverse learner teacher and a paraprofessional hired to meet needs.

v. Parent Involvement & Community Partnerships

- Common Threads – Afterschool cooking program (3-5) wrapped up this past Tuesday. Next session begins in January. Family cooking class begins in January and will be on Thursday nights. Still looking for three more families to participate. Chef Fabio Viviani (Italian Chef, restaurateur, reality television personality) will be hosting a workshop for 5th grade classes. The class that gets the visit will be the class whose parents volunteer the most for kiss-n-go for 5th grade
- STEAM Grant: Carrie Dahlquist and Resh are working to find a curriculum project/partnership to augment the 4th grade

science curriculum. Reaching out to museum and university folks to design work in physical science in 4th grade.

- Student Led Conferences were held for report card pick up: good turnout, students led their conferences, in-line with the Leader in Me initiative. SLCs demonstrate ownership of learning, accomplishments and success – looked different in lower grade. We are doing more to support the implementation of SLCs in 2nd semester.
- Café moms: 2nd grade volunteer program is going really well
- Safety patrol: 3-5 grade kiss-n-go has been successful. Would like more involvement from 5th grade parents.
- Still need for volunteers: would like parent networks to reach out to recruit more volunteers to support our efforts.

vi. *School Management & Daily Operations*

- Kameli fundraiser (\$9k-\$10k) went towards bathrooms, and over the summer they hope to raise money for classrooms.
- All hallways and bathrooms will be painted over break, to move forward with painting the classrooms more fundraising will need to be done.
- CPS will replace the tiles in the south stairwell
- Technology – working with carts now, want to have a 1:1 laptop initiative with 5th-8th grade.
- Staff are working on publicity with different #hashtag posts. Go Fund Me, need \$80k for 200 netbooks, currently have 180. Go Fund Me page will go live next week with a student directed video.

vii. *Interpersonal Effectiveness*

- Email blasts continue to go out with ongoing communication
- weekly staff newsletter is also in production.

- b. Professional Personnel Learning Committee (PPLC) (Thompson) –
nothing to report.
- c. LSC Committees
 - i. By –Laws (LaCoco)
nothing to report
 - ii. Communications (Easterly)
nothing to report
 - iii. Family Involvement Group (FIG) (Agrawal)
Clean and Green Event – cleaned up leaves around the school on October 24. Team planning has begun for the Around the World Event in early 2016, supporting and helping out with Winter Dance and Kiss n Go. Amping up for January – not a lot going on in Nov and Dec.
 - iv. Finance (Johnson)
nothing to report
 - v. Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)(LaCoco)
Teachers have reevaluated student data and have ability grouped students, sp ed teacher now working with the team.
 - vi. Principal Evaluation (Easterly)
paperwork will need to be prepared for May.
 - vii. Space Planning (ad hoc) (Shelton)
still waiting on response from letter submitted to Central Office (CEO, CAO). SLES has been put on side burner for a bit. Will convene in January to approach Plan B

7. Old Business

Motion to meet in January as regularly scheduled (RA/AF)

Discussion: holidays; principal evaluation: no deliverables due until late Feb/1st March,

Roll Call Vote: TS – no, BT – no, KL – no, RA – yes, JE – no, JM – no, LP – yes, ASM – yes, AF – no, SS – no

3-yes; 7-no; 0-abstain

Motion fails, next meeting will be Feb 10th

8. New Business

LSC Election will be this year, applications are on the counter in the main office.

Principal Shelton will prepare some talking points about the possibility of a budget crisis (including possible cuts).

Strike will happen sometime in March if it happens, Strike Vote was Friday

9. Public forum

nothing to report.

10. Motion to adjourn (ASM/ JE)

Motion approved: 10-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain

Adjourned at 7:20PM