

Decatur Classical School
Local School Council

Thursday, January 14, 2016

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:07pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Laura Symons, Marianne Sharping, Roland Paulnitsky & Arthur Regalado absent
 - b. Stephen Lee (arrived at 7:23pm)
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion was made and approved by unanimous vote to approve amended agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made and approved by unanimous vote to approve minutes.
5. Principal's Report
 - a. Principal Professional Practice Competency A
 - i. Emergency management professional development conducted at teacher flex day on 1/12/16- discussed procedures and protocol with school staff
 - ii. CIWP Update- Ms. Kukielka attended new CIWP PD on 1/12 and shared information given at meeting. Parent survey distribution was discussed and results need to be in and analyzed by 2/16/16. Ms. Kukielka shared important dates for CIWP timeline:
 1. CIWP Meetings- 1/19/16
 2. School Excellence Framework- 2/16/16
 3. Strategy & Action Plans- 5/15/16
 - iii. Ms. Kukielka met with Meredith Wittich (NWEA Consultant) to discuss & review MPG vs. MPG 2-5. Wittich will come into to speak to the primary teachers at the 1/19/16 team meeting.
 - iv. Boys' Bathroom: sinks do no work, engineer is getting quotes for repair; boys may use the library washroom to wash hands
 - v. Heat Update: CPS has approved for temperature controls tied to the Univents to be repaired
 - vi. Fire Panel
 - vii. Graffiti reported
 - b. Principal Professional Practice Competency B
 - i. Reach teacher observations ongoing
 - ii. Mrs. Ludlow is taking a medical leave, Ms. Kukielka will be updating 2nd grade parents and the Decatur community of the status of Mrs. Ludlow
 - iii. December 17, 2015: all school field trip to The Nutcracker
 - c. Principal Professional Practice Competency C
 - i. 11/20/15: 6th grade Science Fair
 1. Norman Gelfand mentioned that he attended the fair and shared his observations about the fair
 - ii. 12/1/15: Certamen team competed
 - iii. 12/4/15: Medusa Myth exam administered in 6th grade
 - iv. 1/12/16: All School Spelling Bee
 - d. Principal Professional Practice Competency D
 - i. 12/15/15: Ms. Kukielka met with Kevin Smith, Headmaster Roycemore School in Evanston about a potential partnership between teachers/classes & consider Roycemore for 7th grade.
 - ii. 1/6/16: Ms. Kukielka met with Shalom Klein (Executive Director of JCC) & Howard Rieger (Resident of Winston Towers) and discussed a potential partnership of support

1. Norman Gelfand suggested a mentorship between Winston Towers & Decatur students
- iii. Communication from Ms. K: 11/24/14, 12/4/14, 12/11/14, 12/18/14, 1/8/16
- iv. 1/8/16- Progress Reports distributed
- e. Principal Professional Practice Competency E
 - i. 12/2/15: Ms. Kukielka met with NWEA Consultant Meredith Wittich to discuss & review MPG vs. MPG 2-5
 - ii. 12/9/15: Ms. Kukielka attended Network 2 Principal Professional Development Meeting
 - iii. 1/5/15: Ms. Kukielka attended Emergency Management Planning & CIWP Professional Development
6. Old Business
 - a. Report On Expansion: Tim McCaffrey spoke about the Expansion Committee meeting that conducted earlier.
 - i. Extensive data collected on the location of Decatur families
 - ii. Eight different aldermen have provided support in Decatur expansion efforts. The committee would like to send out letters about expansion on the Decatur property with the signatures of all supportive aldermen to the Mayor's office.
 - iii. State Senators have also expressed support in the Decatur expansion efforts
 - iv. An anonymous alderman has approached Decatur about potentially relocating to a school in their ward. At this time CPS and the alderman have requested that the school and ward be kept anonymous at this time. The facility is located on the north side and is currently occupied as a school.
7. New Business
 - a. Consideration of Fund Raising Request: no requests
 - b. CIWP: timeline was already discussed during principal report. Vicki Giambrone reiterated the distribution of parent survey's in the near future as to meet the 2/16/16 deadline. Ms. Kukielka discussed the objectives of the parent survey. The LSC will wait until Ms. Kukielka sees the CIWP tool before scheduling a CIWP committee meeting.
8. Public Comment: No Public Comment
9. Next Meeting: February 18, 2016
10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by unanimous vote.