

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 7:21 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey, Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Arthur Regalado. Absent: Stephanie Saltouros, Stephen Lee, Roland Paulnitsky, Norman Gelfand.
- Approval of Agenda
 - Amendment: add New Principal Evaluation Form as item D under New Business.
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve amended agenda.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion was made and approved with 7 yays and 1 abstention to approve minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting.
- Principal's Report
 - LSC Principal report now organized according to the new Principal Professional Practice Competencies.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: Decatur lost \$36,964.00 of SBB funds and \$790.00 of SGSA funds after the FY 16 Funding Adjustments. Adjustments based on 281 students on the 10th day of school, although currently enrollment is 283. All mandated drills, except for fire drills, which continue throughout the year, have been completed. Graffiti and drug paraphernalia that have been appearing on school grounds has been reported to the police through regular reports and photographic evidence. Teacher team meeting schedules and an upcoming Teacher Flex PD day were given. Ms. Timi Allegretti was introduced to the audience.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: BrainPOP was renewed on October 8, 2015. Ms. Kukielka met with Keli, Robinson, Network 2 Bilingual Coordinator, on October 6, 2015 to review students who took the language screener based on Home Language Surveys filled out when entering CPS for the first time. Formal observations of teachers, by Mrs. Jockl and Ms. Kukielka, have begun.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Mr. Murray attened Naviance training and will use the program with 6th graders to explore future career goals and steps needed to get there. Naviance is a CPS supported online tool used by students in Gr. 6-12 for college and career planning.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency D: Laura Symons was named Volunteer Committee Chairperson. Information on volunteering for the school was sent out via PTA mailbox and Ms. K. On October 5, 2015, Ms. K met with Tanya Cofer, parent of Elias Ruderfer to set a date for a Common Core Standards Presentation for parents (November 4, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m.). On October 7, 2015, Ms. K met with Kate Hendrickson, parent of Lily Meyer to discuss an after school theater program. Mystery Readers began on Friday October 9, 2015 in rooms 100, 102, 103, and 104. Ms. K's weekly newsletters have gone out n September 11 & 25; October 1 & 9.

- Principal Professional Practice Competency E: Ms. K met with Mr. McCaffrey and Mrs. Symons on October 9, 2015 regarding progress made towards Evaluation goals that were given last June. Additional goals or indicators may only be added in the new Principal Evaluation after the mutual agreement of the Principal and LSC.
- Old Business
 - Expansion update: Tim McCaffrey, Jed Silberg and Ms. Kukielka met with Janice Jackson, Katie Hill, and other CPS representatives who stated they were committed to finding a 7th/8th grade solution for Decatur. All options would be evaluated and another meeting would be set up to discuss those. Katie Hill would continue to be the contact person for such discussions and a follow-up meeting would be set-up within 4-6 weeks.
 - Expansion Committee Meeting discussed various options: Committee wanted to take off the table the possibility of a K-8 school with one class per grade level as a solution; CPS Board moved to sell Trumbull, but nothing has been finalized with the sale yet; Stewart early in the process of sale; Katie Hill asked the Mayor if he would intervene to put Decatur in one of those schools, but has not received a response; split campuses and priority seating at another program; possibility of a 7th/8th grade program at a local high school that Decatur students would automatically feed into, although it would not be an academic center; trailers on current school property.
 - Tim McCaffrey spoke about Decatur's facilities at a Board meeting.
 - Debbie Fries, parent of Eve Fries, sent 6th grade parents an email encouraging parents and students to speak about expansion to the Board and to continue trying to speak to the Board at other meetings.
- New Business
 - Motion was made to approve fundraising requests for Holiday Bazaar, Taffy Apples, and Barnes & Nobles. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote to approve fundraisers.
 - Motion was made and passed by unanimous voice vote to approve the contract renewal of Stride Academy.
 - Motion was made and passed by unanimous voice vote to approve the JCC contract (Jan.-April 15 = \$6948.75); K-5 would be in the half gym and 6th grade would be in the full gym.
 - Components and scoring have changed in the new Principal Evaluation form; components can be added if agreed upon by the LSC and Principal; LSC and Ms. K agreed to extend the date of Nov. 1 to add possible components to Dec. 1 to allow LSC members to receive group training by the November 19th LSC meeting. After being trained, LSC and Ms. K would discuss the possibility of adding other indicators and components.
- Public Comment
 - Public comment was made.
- Next Meeting: November 19, 2015.
- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:40pm.