

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Thursday, March 31, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Laura Symons at 6:03 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Stephanie Saltouros, Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Stephen Lee, Steve Fix, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Roland Paulnitsky, Arthur Regalado, and Norman Gelfand. Absent: Timothy McCaffrey
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote of members present to approve agenda.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve minutes from the February 16, 2016 and March 1, 2016 meetings.
- Principal's Report
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: Teachers worked on a draft of the CIWP in their team meetings to prioritize school goals; the mid-year budget was balanced without losing any staff or current programs; the school welcomed back Ms. Brenda Jenkins, a SECA, who has been reassigned to the school; the Chicago Police Department conducted a lock-down drill; the school celebrated student achievements in Chess and Learn Storm; Ms. Kukielka attended a meeting with Ald. Silverstein and 50th ward CPS Principals.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: Teacher observations continue as per board recommended schedule; various teachers attended professional development for math, PE, and music.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Decatur celebrated Diversity Week (Feb. 21-26, 2016) and collected over 1000 items for the food drive (both events organized by Student Congress); Students participated in National Latin Exams and Latin Contest exams, the school History Fair, and the Art Institute Program; Students attended various field trips; PARCC testing began this week and 8 students refused the test.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency D: Families and community members participated in many events throughout the school including 3rd grade Chicago History Open House, Founder's Day, Primary Science Night, 1st grade Inventor's Open House; State Representative Lou Lang visited Decatur, visiting the 3rd grade and having a Q&A with the 6th grade; the 6th graders also met with a Holocaust survivor, Mr. Kurt Gutfreund, an experience made possible by a Decatur parent, Mr. Jed Silberg; Ms. Kukielka also met with the CIWP committee to restructure the CIWP Parent survey; Mr. McCaffrey and Ms. Kukielka also met with Ald. Silverstein to discuss Expansion.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency E: Phil Salemi, Network 2 Chief and staff, visited Decatur, observed classrooms, and had an open discussion about the observations; Student Congress organized the Diversity Week celebration; Ms.

Kukielka and Mrs. Jockl met with members of the Principal Evaluation Committee to discuss school leadership.

- Old Business
 - CIWP – LSC received summary results from the CIWP Parent survey; an executive summary was created, LSC discussed how the summary will be distributed to parents.
 - Draft of CIWP done by teachers and staff; the draft is being sent via email to LSC.
 - The CIWP focuses on the following: What are our goals and how do we measure them?
 - LSC discussed sending out final CIWP and the Executive Summary together to community.

- New Business
 - LSC Candidate Forum – candidates for parent, community, teacher and non-teaching staff were given the opportunity to speak.
 - School Fee – increase from \$125 to \$225; notify families before the end of the year to prepare for the upcoming school year.
 - Motion was made and passed to increase school fees from \$125 to \$225 by 10 yays, 1 abstention.
 - Consideration of Date for Next LSC Meeting – Principal Evaluation due May 1st; LSC waiting for approval for an online parent survey; Tuesday, April 26th @ 6:00pm for LSC meeting.
 - Consideration of Fundraising Requests – request for 6th grade fundraiser for used book/bake sale; Motion was made and passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Public Comment
 - Public comment was made.

- Next Meeting: April 26th, 2016.

- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 9:38pm.