

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Jeannette Schar at 6:22 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present – Jeannette Schar, Kristin Boeke-Greven, Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Arthur Regalado. Absent – Timothy McCaffrey, Norman Gelfand, and Roland Paulnitsky.
- Approval of Agenda:
 - Amendment: remove item D. Vote – Use of Decatur Parking Lot (under New Business)
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve amended agenda.
- Approval of Minutes:
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous vote to approve January 15, 2015 minutes.
- Principal's Statement:
 - Angel Vazquez, our factor custodian has been on medical leave since January 21, 2015. A custodian substitute, James, has been provided by Aramark & Vargas. The school has encountered issues with the heat and ants, but Ms, K continues to stay on top of issues so that they get resolved.
 - Testing Schedules windows were reported for the remainder of the year.
 - The school received reports of community complaints from Sgt. Luis Gaytan of the 24th district. Complaints concerned blockage of traffic, illegal parking, yelling/road rage, and unsafe crossings during drop-off/pick-up times. Parents may notice the presence of the Chicago Police Department during these times and must be aware that citations will be given out if anyone does not comply with safety and traffic laws beginning on March 2, 2015.
 - Reminders to LSC members regarding guidelines for mandatory LSC training.
 - Student Congress Food Drive collected over 2000 items donated to *Care For Real*.
 - Congratulations to Zachary Troher for qualifying for the State Geography Bee.
 - Coffee with the Principal held on January 27 and February 24.
 - The school rented out the parking lot to Five Stars Valet on February 28, 2015. CPS approved the temporary usage permit and the school received \$200.00.
 - LSCAB Election Ballots are available in the office and all ballots must be returned to the principal by 12:00 (noon) on March 20, 2015.
- Old Business:
 - The Chicago Board of Education gives principals the Recess Policy/Implementation guidelines, but no specific guidelines are given for rain,

ice, or snow. Ms. Kukielka has discussed recess policies with other principals, all of whom practice different things. Ms Kukielka has asked CPS for specific guidelines for snow removal that will hopefully shed light on whose responsibility it is to remove snow from the playground (CPS or each school) and whether the school can have parents remove snow or if the school can hire an outside, approved vendor.

- On February 10, 2015, Decatur parents from the 50th ward, Ms. Kukielka, Jeannette Schar, Kristin Boeke-Greven, and a representative from CPS Intergovernmental Affairs met with Ald. Silverstein to discuss expanding Decatur on the current campus. The Decatur community is waiting for Ald. Silverstein to write a letter of support for Decatur. Decatur will extend invitations to Sen. Silverstein and Rep. Lang, but further actions may need to be on hold until all elections are final.

- New Business:

- CIWP – chaired by Kristin Boeke-Greven, the committee will meet on March 18, 2015 at noon to begin discussing what the community's main priorities are to help improve Decatur; the CIWP has to be approved by May 15, 2015.
- Principal's Evaluation – chaired by Laura Symons, the committee will discuss the Principal's Evaluation and evaluations can be filled out on April 16, 2015 during report card pick-up.
- Discussion of PARCC and NWEA/MAP Testing – all CPS schools will administer PARCC (2 part test); at Decatur Gr. 3-5 will be taking the test on paper and Gr. 6 on the computer. Parents and LSC discussed implications on Primary students and their schedules, possible refusals and potential plans for students that might refuse.
- Motion was made to remove the vote informing parents about options regarding PARCC and Standardized testing via letter from LSC and instead have Ms. Kukielka and Ms. Jockl draft a letter to inform parents about the facts and available resources regarding the test. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- The school encountered an issue with the Selective Prep vendor this school year and will be seeking out a list of new vendors that future 6th grade classes may be able to use in preparation for the 6th grade test.
- Drop-off and Pick-up procedures were reviewed and discussed to ensure that everyone follows safe practices.

- Public Comment: None

- Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:15pm.

- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:02 pm.