

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 6:06 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey, Stephanie Saltouros, Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Stephen Lee (arrived 6:20 pm), Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Roland Paulnitsky, Arthur Regalado. Absent: Norman Gelfand.
- Approval of Agenda
 - Amendment: Expansion Update added as Item B under Old Business.
 - 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 of members present to approve minutes from the March 31, 2016 meeting.
- Principal's Report (Stephen Lee arrived 6:20 pm)
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: Student Congress honored students who participated in various events with decorations on the front hall window (Battle of the Books, History Fair, Learn Storm, Science Olympiad, Invention Convention, Math Counts, Geography Bee, Chess Club; Ms. Kukielka, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Sharping, Mrs. Symons met with Network 2 representatives, Eva Thieos and Margaret McGregor to discuss areas of focus for the CIWP, which will be Rigorous Student Tasks, Curriculum, and Leadership & Collective Responsibility; a draft of the CIWP will continue to be worked on and the draft will be completed by May 5, 2016 for submission to the Network (the draft will be sent to the LSC prior to the submission date).
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: Teacher observations continue per board policy; April 8 2016 was School Improvement and teacher directed, some teachers attended off-campus professional development on this day; a representative from Educators for Excellence was invited by the administration to share supports and tools to teachers on the School Improvement day; Principals from Network 2 observed classrooms at Decatur on April 5, 2016 and shared observations with the Administration.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Students attended field trips to NEIU to watch *King Midas and the Golden Touch*. Teachers also attended various competitions – Invention Convention, Science Fair, and History Fair. Students in Gr. 3-6 also participated in PARCC testing.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency D: Students and families attended various events at the school including 2nd grade Women's History Open House, 4th and 5th grade Science Fair, and Fine Arts Night; an Expansion Committee meeting was held April 7, 2016. Ms. Kukielka and Mr. McCaffrey attended a meeting with and Alderman regarding expansion; an Open House for prospective parents was held on April 11, 2016 with Tim McCaffrey and Laura Symons assisting with answering

questions from the parent perspective; Parent-Teacher conferences were held on April 13, 2016 with a 93% pick-up rate.

- Principal Professional Practice Competency E: CPS principals from Armstrong, Peirce, Courtney and Clinton visited Decatur classrooms with Margaret McGregor from Network 2 and complimented the teachers and students on what they observed; Student Congress organized the collection of books for Bernie's Book Drive the week of April 3rd; the school will hold a free-will fundraiser for Benicio Martinez, a former Decatur student who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer (all proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly to the family).
- Old Business
 - CIWP – discussed
 - Expansion Update – Meeting with Alderman X withdrew support to move into existing building; but proposed different school, scheduled a meeting with Claypool.
 - LSC discussed listing Committees on the LSC agendas and whether or not that committee had a report to give.
 - Ms. Kukielka reached out to CPS and Network 2 Chief regarding trailers, Demountables, reached out to principals of classical school to lobby for feeder school Skinner North/West even without testing.
 - Other options discussed were about looking at moving into Catholic schools.
- New Business
 - Principal Evaluation – Motion was made and approved to go into closed session by 10 yays and 1 abstention.
 - Members of LSC moved into closed session.
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to reconvene in open session.
- Public Comment
 - No public comment was made.
- Next Meeting: May 19th, 2016.
- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 10:11pm.