

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Thursday, May 19th, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 5:08 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey, Stephanie Saltouros, Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Stephen Lee, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping (7:30 pm), Katherine Thomas, Roland Paulnitsky, Arthur Regalado (7:30pm), Norman Gelfand (7:30 pm). Absent: None
- Approval of Agenda
 - Amendment: Move Old Business, Item D. Principal Evaluation (CLOSED SESSION) after Approval of Agenda
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote of members present to approve amended agenda.
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote of members present to move into Closed Session.
- Closed Session
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote of members present to go back into open session and break for 6:30 pm PTA meeting.
 - LSC reconvened in open session at 7:35pm.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion was made and approved by a vote of 11 yays and 1 abstention to approve minutes from April 26th, 2016 and April 29th, 2016.
- Principal's Report
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: The DECATUR sign has been repaired, but the school is still waiting for the lift that has been requested to replace the lights and fix the banner in the MPR; Margaret McGregor from Network 2 assisted in writing strategies for CIWP goals reported in April's Principal Report; Student Congress celebrated students excelling in Latin; Ms. Kukileka participated in a Town Hall meeting on May 11, 2016 at Senn High School with 10 other principals to express concerns to the parents/community of upcoming budget impacts on schools; NWEA testing has begun and will continue through June.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: All REACH observations have been completed; school; on May 10, 2016 Ms. Kukileka and teachers met for a Teacher Flex-day; Family Life is cyrrently taking place in 5th and 6th grades (Magistra Cohen, Ms. Melnicoff, Mr. Pfest, Mr. Albert and Mr. Murray have been trained and are overseeing the program.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Decatur students participated in State History Fair, Battle of the Books, and Latin Olympics; the Battle of the Books team took first place; Student Congress also sponsored Autism Awareness Day; 6th grade met with Lawyers in the Classroom, a program sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

- Principal Professional Practice Competency D: Ms. Kukielka met with 6th grade parents to discuss 6th grade awards and graduation; met with Ms. Schmittle and Mrs. Bergner to review logistics for the spring show; PTA sponsored the Sleepunder on May 6, 2016; Ms. Kukielka and Mr. McCaffrey had a phone conference with BOE Fr. Michael Garanzini to discuss expansion; met with Mrs. Jockl, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Giambrone to discuss expanding Decatur through the use of trailers, securing invites from the principals of Prussing, Ebinger and Hitch to tour their trailers.
- Principal Professional Practice Competency E: Ms. Kukielka met with Network Chief Phil Salemi as part of her observation/evaluation process.
- Report on Anticipated Budget Cuts
 - Discussions with the Network 2 Chief and principals regarding potential budgets via phone conference. Reduction in SBB funds \$4088 to \$2498, approx. \$260K cut for Decatur (at minimum 2.5 positions); possible options include Mrs. J back in class, scheduling (i.e. parent volunteers in library, lunch periods could be split with Mr. Paulnitsky, Ms. Kukielka and Mrs. Jockl supervising lunch); the need to cover each classroom with a teacher, cover state minutes, union contracts, but if those can't be met, could mean larger class sizes (primary 32, intermediate 35) or potential split class.
 - Discuss having 6th graders write letters to legislators, or create a video, or both.
- Old Business
 - CIWP – sent draft to LSC and Network 2 is in the process of reviewing it and will give feedback.
 - Expansion Update – Previously met with Alderman trying to bring Decatur to his/her district and his/her plan to put Decatur in an existing school in the district (died), but has a new plan; Had meeting with Fr. Garanzini to press for reengagement of discussions about Decatur expansion; Mr. Dispensa wants to meet with Ms. K and Tim June 3rd, Alderman may attend meeting; Reggie Newton will speak at Board of Ed meeting to speak as Decatur parent; meeting about trailers (sub-committee created to discuss feasibility of mobile classrooms, will visit 3 local schools)
 - Evaluation Feedback Scheduling – Thursday, June 9th at 5:30pm
- New Business
 - Fundraising Requests – Benicio, School Play, Oberweiss; motion to approve funding requests was made and approved by unanimous
 - Certification of LSC Election Results – Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve LSC election results.
- Public Comment
 - Public comment made.
- Next Meeting: June 19th, 2016.
- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:33 pm.