

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015

- Meeting called to order by Jeannette Schar at 6:23 pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present – Jeannette Schar, Kristin Boeke-Greven, Timothy McCaffrey (via phone conference), Laura Symons, Victoria Giambrone, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Arthur Regalado Absent - Steve Fix, Norman Gelfand, and Roland Paulnitsky.
- Approval of Agenda:
 - Amendment – move Vote- Interim LSC Member (Closed Session) as Item IX after Public Comment.
 - Motion was made and vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote to approve the amended agenda.
- Approval of Minutes:
 - Motion was made and vote of members present was passed by unanimous vote to approve May 14, 2015 minutes.
- Principal's Statement:
 - Staff Updates – Guermillo Jaramillo rejoined Decatur on May 27, 2015 as the primary daytime custodian. Angel Vazquez will not return to Decatur since the Board reclassified the school from a Factor Custodian to a Shared Engineer model. We share engineer James Bickford with Boone School.
 - The school has received over 53 potential applications to fill Mr. VonMoser's position. Mr. VonMoser has taken a position at Whitney Young effective July 1, 2015.
 - The LSC met in closed session on May 14, 2015. Ms. Kukileka provided members with evidence pertinent to her principal evaluation.
 - Ms. Kukielka asked to clarify how LSC members absent from the May 14, 2015 closed session would be informed of the evidence and what next steps might entail.
 - Current budget transfers were outlined.
- Old Business:
 - There was an Expansion Committee held prior to the night's LSC meeting.
 - A new development was shared with the LSC by a Decatur parent living in the 40th Ward. According to Ald. O'Connor's newsletter, Trumbull is potentially being reconsidered as a school.
 - The Expansion Committee considered next steps and looked to write a letter to Ald. O'Connor to express Decatur's interest in Trumbull should it be reconsidered as a school. The committee is also seeking to get into contact with the any new officers of CPS to reiterate Decatur's desire to expand. It was also discussed that

the committee would continue to communicate with the offices of Ald. Silverstein and Ald. Cappelman to keep all options for expansion open.

- New Business:
 - PARCC testing online will expand to Gr. 3-6 in the 2015-16 school year.
 - The school has an excess \$38,000 due to a differential with teacher salaries.
 - A motion was made to vote to purchase a new laptop cart with the excess funds (\$38,000) and use any remaining funds to fulfill teacher wish lists. Vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - CIWP – Exit survey given will be given to families not in 6th grade to ask anonymously their reasons for leaving Decatur (i.e. lack of 7th/8th, before/after school programming, curriculum) and where they are going.
 - The 6th grade class, made up of 27 students, was surveyed and 6 students received their first choice. It was discussed that the school, in the future, disclose the statistics of where Decatur students go after 6th grade.
 - A motion was made to vote for the Panera Fundraiser. Vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - Two vendors, Performing Arts Limited and Design Dance, gave proposal presentations to outline the potential curriculum the school's 2015-16 arts/dance program.
 - The LSC will review each proposal further at the next budget meeting.
- Public Comment: Public comment was made.
- A motion was made and a vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote to move into closed session for the Interim LSC Member.
- A motion was made and a vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote to return to open session.
- A motion was made and a vote of members present was passed by unanimous voice vote to elect an interim candidate for a 1-year term; A vote of members present elected Stephanie Saltouros unanimously.
- Next Meeting: TBD based on release of 2015-16 School Budget.
- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 9:08 pm.