

**Decatur Classical School  
Local School Council**

**Minutes Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2015**

- Meeting called to order by Jeannette Schar at 6:16 pm.
- Roll call:
  - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey (arrived 6:20 pm), Jeannette Schar, Victoria Giambrone, Stephanie Saltouros, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Norman Gelfund (arrived 6:40 pm), Arthur Regalado. Absent: Laura Symons, Steve Fix, Roland Paulnitsky.
- Approval of Agenda
  - Quorum was present. Motion was made and passed to approve the agenda by unanimous voice vote of members present (7 yays, 0 nays). (Timothy McCaffrey and Norman Gelfand arrived after the agenda vote)
- Approval of Minutes
  - Quorum was present. Motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting and passed by unanimous voice vote of members present (7 yays, 0 nays). (Timothy McCaffrey and Norman Gelfand arrived after the agenda vote)
- New Business
  - LSC was given copies of the 6 Strategies in the CIWP to review.
  - New Science, Social Studies, updated Math textbooks, library furniture, and items from teacher wish lists were purchased using excess funds from a salary differential.
  - Selective Enrollment Elementary School (SEES) per pupil allocations were reduced from \$1500 to \$1000 (~ %150,000 budget reduction). These were reductions above and beyond Student Based Budgeting.
  - Losses in the budget: bus monitor position, dedicated aide (SECA position), teacher salary budget adjustment. Additional CPS reductions affected student transport, ESP overtime, custodial overtime, and supplies.
  - In order to balance the budget, Ms. Kukielka reduced the school's budget lines for property/equipment, instructional materials (as new materials were purchased at the end of the 2014-15 school year), travel expenses, and the school's contract with Calm Classroom was discontinued.
  - Currently the school's budget does not include Dance, JCC, or a school aide.
  - Back-up plans: continued PTA support of Go Get Your Smock; the all school musical generated enough revenue to fund JCC (the Drama line in the budget is ~ \$12,000); apply for Creative Arts Grant for Dance or seek PTA support.
  - For the 2015-16 school year, busing will be clustered. Cost per child to take the bus to and from school ~\$2000. Decatur will begin at 7:45 am and end at 2:45pm.
  - Balanced budget currently = no teacher cuts.
  - Mrs. Nancy Jorbin made the decision to retire. In the wake of her retirement, a new teacher hire could potentially mean that the school would recoup ~\$40,000

due to salary differential, sometime in September. We will miss Mrs. Jorbin and wish her luck in this new phase in her life!

- Motion was made and passed by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2015-16 Budget and CIWP.
  - LSC discussed sending parents a summarized email of the 2015-16 school budget.
- Public Comment
    - No public comment was made.
  - Next Meeting: September 17, 2015.
  - Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 7:58pm.