

New Field Local School Council
1707 W. Morse Ave.
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 4:15pm
Virtual Meeting due to school building closure

1. Call to order at 4:19
2. Roll Call
 - [x] Chair: Annie Gill Bloyer (AGB) <anniegillbloyer@gmail.com>
 - [x] Parent Rep: Lyndsey LaLonde (LL) <lmlalonde8@gmail.com>
 - [x] Parent Rep: Francine Maombi (FM) <maombifr@yahoo.fr>
 - [x] Parent Rep: Cortney Ritsema (CR) <crhadigan@gmail.com>
 - [x] Parent Rep: Patrick Escobedo (PE) <escobedo@fenton100.org>
 - [] Parent Rep: position vacant
 - [x] Community Rep: Megan Turner (MT) <meganaturner16@gmail.com>
 - [] Community Rep: Tim Bresnahan (TB) <timothy.bresnahan24@gmail.com>
 - [x] Principal: Conrey Callahan (CC) <clcallahan@cps.edu>
 - [x] Teacher Rep: Lena Pankratz (LP) <lpankratz@cps.edu>
 - [x] Teacher Rep: Joseph Dickinson (JD) <jedickinson@cps.edu>
 - [] Staff Rep: Sheila Ongay (SO) <songay21@gmail.com>
3. Approval of agenda: First motion made by CR, Second motion made by LP, Motion passes approved by all members
4. Approval of [minutes from previous meeting](#): First motion made by PE, Motion seconded by LL, Approved by all
5. Reports:
 - a. Principal Report and State of the School Address:

CC explained that the data from last school year is unavailable due to truncated school year last year. She discussed the five year vision - building on the commitments of academic progress, financial stability, and integrity with overall focus on equity. CC then reviewed achievements made in SY 2020 (integrating morning meetings in all classrooms, developing a behavior response team, launching the partnership with LSSI, aligning the school's math block across all grades, piloting AMPLIFY science in upper grades, developing literacy scope/sequence and a plan for "fitting it all in", expanding the MTSS services, developing student data analysis protocols in a teaming structure, and increasing the technology capacity for remote learning). There is no official school quality rating for this year, thus the school will remain at a 1. CC reviewed attendance data for this school year and reported a significant drop in attendance rates overall, but specifically finding decreases in attendance among diverse learners,

LatinX students, and Kindergarten. The NWEA district wide assessments data was reviewed for SY2019, which helped to identify the high priority groups in the school improvement plan. CC reviewed the action steps that the school is taking to address the challenges that were identified using the assessment data. CC provided staffing updates (welcomed two new staff members, Loyola VISTA coordinator resigned and the school is seeking applications). Updates on the return to school plan were provided, tentatively PreK and Cluster students will return on January 11, 2021 and all students on February 1, 2021. Finally, CC announced that a survey has been sent to parents to gather feedback about remote learning.

- b. Parent Advisory Committee/ NCLB (PAC): PAC met on Nov 4th for a presentation about GoCPS and are currently soliciting feedback for how to spend PAC funds from parents
 - c. Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC): no update
 - d. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee (PPLC): no update
 - e. Joint Committee on New Field/Eugene Field is not meeting, but there are updates available on the Alderwoman's website regarding this process at <https://www.49thward.org/the-fields-community-process>
 - f. Friends of the Fields
6. Old Business
- a. Remote & Hybrid learning updates/next steps: updates provided during principal report
 - b. [Letter](#) to CPS, BOE, and Elected Officials re: SY 22 Funding: reference to the letter was written up in Chalkbeat Chicago. CC and AGB briefly discussed their experience presenting the letter to the BOE and Finance and Audit Committee meeting
 - c. Becoming an Anti-Racist School: Due to the VISTA coordinator's resignation progress has slowed. However, the staff at NF participated in professional development in anti-bias training and are continuing to participate in "Courageous Conversations". LL is coordinating with her church re: book donations for the school and CC will connect CR with staff members who are interested in more involvement in anti-racism work

7. New Business: None

8. Budget Amendments

There was a retroactive vote to move the gift money into the budget to purchase technology that was explained in the the October LSC meeting (7 teacher laptops, 30 student chromebooks, and 20 Wifi mobile hotspots). CC makes the first motion to move this money into the budget and AGB seconds this motion. Motion was approved by all. NEW REQUEST: Internal Accounts Book Transfer to support MTSS Online Platform,

Lexia Learning (150 licenses at \$40 each) CC made the first motion to transfer the money as described, AGB seconds the motion and the motion was approved by all members.

9. Public Comment

FM discussed the challenges of remote learning as a parent and was joined by others who echoed her concerns.

LSC elections 11/18/2020

10. [Cumulative Evaluation of the Principal](#)

- a. Closed Session: AGB made the first motion to move into closed session, MT seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Entered the closed session at 5:58PM. Returned from closed session at 6:21PM.

11. Next Special Meeting: Tuesday, December 1 at 4:15 pm; Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 4:15 pm

12. Adjourn: AGB made first motion to adjourn and this motion was seconded by PE. The motion was passed by unanimous vote at 6:23PM