

Ernst Prussing Local School Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 02, 2015
Auditorium, Prussing Elementary School
4650 North Menard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60630

CALL TO ORDER Local School Council **Special Emergency** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michele Taylor, at 7:02 P.M., in the auditorium, at Prussing Elementary School.

Roll Call:

LSC Members Present:

Zahwa Alhasan, *Parent Representative*
Verna Flores-Anthony, *Classroom Teacher*
Dr. George Chipain, *Principal*
Kristin Elouadrhiri, *Classroom Teacher*
Eileen Espinosa, *Parent Representative*
Melissa Garrigan, *Community Representative*
Juan Gonzalez, *LSC Secretary, Parent Representative*
Phil Huckelberry, *Community Representative*
Caryn McKay, *Parent Representative*
Michele Taylor, *LSC Chairperson, Parent Representative*
Maureen Turenne, *Classroom Teacher*

LSC Members Absent:

Jasmin Cardona, *Parent Representative*

LSC Members Present: 11

LSC Members Absent: 1

A quorum was present.

CPS School Official Guests Present:

Anna Alvarado, *Chief of Schools for CPS*
Luis Garcia-Juarez, *CPS Local School Relations-O'Hare Network 1*
Liz Kirby, *untited*
And other CPS School Officials not mentioned by name

Honorary Mentioned:

John Arena, *Alderman, 45th Ward of Chicago*

Approval of Agenda:

Eileen Espinosa made a motion to approve the agenda. Kristin Elouadrhiri seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 11

No: 0

Abstain: 0
Motion passes.

The LSC reported that the Principal, Dr. George Chipain, teacher faculty and Prussing's staff at Prussing Elementary School were thanked by the school community for their involvement in the emergency evacuation of the school children from the carbon monoxide poisoning due to ongoing boiler malfunctions at Prussing Elementary School.

The Prussing community also thanked Smyser Principal, Jerry Travlos, Alderman John Arena and other individuals not mentioned by name, for their participation in helping out in a time of a crisis.

Eileen Espinosa had comments to share with the public at large in regards to the chronological order recorded in the Prussing LSC meeting minutes. She stated that on January 08, 2013, in the principal's report, that the boiler room had water seepage and was out of compliance and the boiler heating unit was in need of replacement and obsolete; this information was faxed to CPS Facilities, on January 03, 2013.

On August 29, 2013, in the principal's report, heater in the boiler room needed to be replaced.

On September 26, 2013, in the principal's report, that the boiler needed repairs and the steam traps still needed to be addressed.

On January 10, 2014, in the principal's report, that in a questionnaire response submitted to CPS Facilities, the boiler room provided a structural concern and needed to be addressed and that it was rated with a heating system as poor.

On January 20, 2015, in the principal's report, Prussing can have only one boiler operating at a time; both boilers have issues and are not reliable. CPS Facilities and Capital were aware of the issues and had numerous individuals trying to resolve the problem and concluded that the boilers are old and need to be replaced.

On February 10, 2015, in the principal's report, the boilers need periodic manual adjustments during the day for them to operate properly accordingly to the facility manager. The report also stated that there was no full time engineer at Prussing. The roving engineer stopped by periodically to check the system on days the school engineer was not present.

On March 10, 2015, in the principal's report, boiler one was still waiting on an installation of a gas pressure pump. Boiler two has a fan that was acting up and blowing fuses. The engineer stated that it was on its last legs. Mr. Kelly, Prussing's engineer at the time, reported it to CPS facilities.

On April 21, 2015, in the principal's report, a list of building issues was given to the LSC, including a need of new boilers, replacing pneumatic controllers, actuators and fresh air intake dampers for the main building. The Prussing engineer was out on medical leave so the roving engineer was handling the school.

On September 11, 2015, Prussing failed a health inspection. One of the issues cited was standing water found in the boiler room. Dr. George Chipain, Prussing's current principal, spoke with CPS to replace Prussing's boilers.

On October 21, 2015, in the principal's report, CPS had corrected the issues with the boilers which stated that no boiler was perfect. All such systems can be expected to

produce some amount of carbon monoxide. A system which is working properly will produce a very small amount of carbon monoxide, at a level very safe for people.

Eileen Espinosa was grateful to the Principal, Dr. George Chipain, Assistant Principal, Hanna Kapica, the teacher faculty and Prussing's staff, who stood by with the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Police Department, and EMT for the safety of the Prussing's school children.

The LSC reviewed and discussed the evacuation of Prussing Elementary School involving CPS, Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Police Department and EMT in which the community addressed with public comments and concerns.

Public Comments/ Concerns regarding 10/ 30 evacuation:

Various public comments and concerns were reviewed and discussed.

Other Public comments/ concerns:

Various public comments and concerns were reviewed and discussed.

Motion to Adjourn:

Kristin Elouadrhiri made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Garrigan seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.