

Ernst Prussing Local School Council Meeting Minutes

Local School Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michele Taylor, on December 16, 2015, at 7:05 p.m., in the auditorium, at Prussing Elementary School.

Roll Call:

Present

Vera Flores- Anthony, Dr. George Chipain, Jasmin Cardona, Kristin Elouadrhiri, Eileen Espinosa, Juan Gonzalez, Phil Huckelberry, Caryn McKay, Michele Taylor, Maureen Turenne

Present: 10

Absent: 2

Zahwa Alhasan, Melissa Garrigan

A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Phil Huckelberry made a motion to approve the agenda. Maureen Turenne seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Approval of the LSC Meeting Minutes:

Eileen Espinosa made a motion to approve the LSC meeting minutes for October 21, 2015. Kristin Elouadrhiri seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Announcements/ Introduction of Guests:

None.

Mail Call:

There's a fundraiser for Prussing's building engineer, (TBA). Norwood Park and Prussing Elementary Schools having a fundraiser for the building engineer (status-inactive), a follow up with information will be given to the LSC.

Reports:

Student Council:

Student Council collected \$639.00 for Unicef and sent money to the organization. PTO paid for half the price for T- shirts purchased for student council.

Principal:

See Principal's Report Handout. Some Highlights:

Budget Review:

There was a budget transfer from cellphone tower money to Prussing's General Account to pay for Prussing's website (\$1,133.40). No vendor number for cellphone tower money. Principal needs to send a check from General Account to pay for the website.

Instruction:

Multi- tier supports and structures (MTSS), meeting biweekly.

After School Professional Development met on November 19, 2015 and December 03, 2015.

Prussing passed the English Language Learners Audit from OLCE on December 07, 2015.

A Safety Committee created by principal with faculty and met on December 8, 2015 and December 15, 2015.

Evacuation Practice from Main Building to the Modulars conducted on December 15, 2015 and December 16, 2015.

Students:

Discipline Issues:

Detentions- 85

Suspensions- 0

Building and Facilities:

New boiler scheduled by CPS by next winter-TBD.

Full time permanent Engineer for Prussing-TBD.

Monthly boiler inspection by Chief Boiler Inspector from CPS checked boiler last Monday.

Prussing Elementary School in substantial compliance with Chicago's Health Code by Chicago Department of Public Health.

School/ Community Communication:

Report card pickup held on November 18, 2015.

Prussing newsletter sent out on November 24, 2015 and December 11, 2015.

PAC meeting held on December 09, 2015.

BAC meeting held on December 09, 2015.

PTO movie night and Vendor Fair held on November 20, 2015.

Positive Action and Healing Workshop held on November 17, 2015.

After school programs second half starts January 15, 2016. Students need to sign up. Over 200 students participated in first half. There were snacks available by the school for students in the lunchroom while students attended after school programs. Mrs. Pugh was thanked for her dedicated service of installing after school All Star's programs from scratch.

Chairperson Michele Taylor proposed an after care possibly for Prussing's after school program for next year.

Eileen Espinosa stated that there's a Google Survey account and Survey Monkey account set up from last year for the school to use to correspond with parents.

PPLC:

No report.

Bilingual Advisory:

Assistant Principal, Hanna Kapica, stated Access testing for students beginning on January 14, 2016.

Parent Advisory:

Parent Advisory President Danielle Taylor stated that a meeting being held on January 13, 2016. There's a CPR workshop coming up.

PTO:

PTO Secretary Danielle Taylor stated that Coat Closet distributing new coats to students in need donated by the Branch Community Church. After the winter break, the PTO will distribute the coats with more information. Teachers will have discretion on who gets a coat by degree of necessity.

Carbon Monoxide detectors distributed to all classrooms by Life Alert and teachers are happy.

The Prussing talent show is coming up in January of 2016.

Box tops winners were 3rd and 4th graders and the winner's are having a pizza party.

Vendor Fair anticipated revenue was \$1,227.25.

Old Business:

Bylaws:

Reference Bylaws draft on school website and Phil Huckelberry's bylaw draft handout to entire LSC present.

Eileen Espinosa made a motion to approve the draft bylaws, as is. Kristin Elouadrhiri seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 9

No: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

(Note: There is no active budget director and no active budget committee currently serving the Prussing LSC.)

New Business:

PTO fundraiser's/ Activities:

PTO Secretary Danielle Taylor turned in Local School Fundraising Accounting Proposals regarding PTO'S Parent's Night Out, for January 16, 2016, selling price per unit at \$30.00 per wristband, anticipated revenue from total sales at \$10.00 per wristband plus 20% sales from Fannie's, anticipated expenses from total activity at \$0 and anticipated profit (revenue-expenses) left blank. The school's percentage of profit at 85% proceeds will go to pizza parties.

PTO's proposal for Cheerleading uniforms, for December 2015. The school's percentage of profit left blank.

PTO's proposal for Shrek the Musical, tickets and concessions sales, for January 20, 2016, at a selling price per ticket at \$5.00/ adult and \$3.00/ child. Anticipated revenue from total sales at \$500.00, anticipated expenses from total activity at \$100.00 and anticipated profit (revenue-expenses) at \$400.00. The school's percentage of profit at 85% proceeds will go to auditorium repairs/ upgrades.

Kristin Elouadrhiri made a motion to approve the 3 PTO's fundraiser's/ activities proposals. Maureen Turenne seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passes.

Budget Transfer:

Principal Dr. George Chipain transferred \$1,332.40 out of the budget from cellphone tower money to General Account to pay for Prussing's website.

Eileen Espinosa made a motion to approve budget transfer of \$1,332.40 out of the budget from cellphone tower money to General Account to pay for Prussing's website. Kristin Elouadrhiri seconded the motion.

Vote:

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Public comments/ concerns:

A comment was made regarding the classrooms being too cold or too hot. Principal Dr. George Chipain responded that the problem has been going on for years. The building is over 90 years old with 90 year old boilers. Prussing Elementary School is anticipating new boilers, in 2016, from CPS. The teacher's have been opening their classroom doors, at times. The on-duty engineer checks out complaints coming from heating and/ or air conditioning problems from classrooms. Teachers have remote controls to air

conditioner's in their own rooms. The Fire Department has a policy of not having classroom doors propped open.

Secretary Juan Gonzalez made a comment regarding introducing Spanish, Polish and Arabic into Prussing's language curriculum. He stated that children assimilating to English are losing their cultural language. Dr. George Chipain said that Spanish currently taught in Prussing's language curriculum. Secretary Juan Gonzalez stated that if Spanish, Polish and Arabic could be added to after school programs. An attendee stated that she did not want to lose computers to a language class and that language can be taught at home.

Secretary Juan Gonzalez passed out a column in the Chicago Suntimes "Adding up to Success", dated December 14, 2015, to entire LSC present. He stated that the teaching methods used by Lazaro Cardenas Elementary School teachers to bring up test scores could be introduced to CIWP team in the next CIWP meeting.

Secretary Juan Gonzalez commented that budget has no cross-reference to actual names of teacher's to their salaries. Eileen Espinosa stated that there was a change in the system used by district of CPS, which was made public at a Carl Schurz High School public meeting.

Announce next meeting:

No announcement was made.

Motion to Adjourn:

Eileen Espinosa made a motion to adjourn. Kristin Elouadrhiri seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourn at 8:13 p.m.