

STEM Magnet Academy
Local School Council
Wednesday, March 1, 2017 (5:15pm)
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Mr. Ben Williams called the LSC Meeting to order at 5:16pm.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken and quorum was established.

The following members were present at the meeting either in person or via telephone:

Dr. Maria J. McManus
Ms. Cutina R. Anderson
Mrs. Danielle McLaurin
Mrs. Zakiya Libby-Williams
Mrs. Tarita Brantley
Mrs. Deana Caccavale
Mrs. Sadika Langston
Mr. Ben Williams
Mr. David Sanders

The following member was absent from the meeting:

Mr. Daryl Harper

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports

Chair: (no report)

Principal's Report:

- Dr. McManus presented the internal accounts balance sheet and cash disbursements for the month of January.
(\$102,990.82-Balance) (\$8828.48-Disbursements)
- Dr. McManus reported on the 2017 Annual Appeal. Parents are making contributions and the school has raised approximately \$1500 thus far. Reminders regarding the 2017 Annual Appeal will be emailed to parents regularly in Dr. McManus' updates.
- PARCC will be administered to STEM students in grades 3-5. Students, not parents have the right to opt out of this assessment. If a student refuses to take the PARCC assessment, the test administrator must honor the student's refusal.
- Late-Pick Ups have become an issue at STEM again. There are parents who are chronically late picking up children at the end of the school day. Students are dismissed at 2:45pm and parents have been as late as 4:30pm picking up students. Mrs. Brantley, a parent volunteer and LSC member, remains after school, with a staff member, until the last student is picked up each day. Mr. Sanders questioned whether or not the school could institute a late pick-up fee. In years past, CPS would

not allow schools to charge parents a late pick-up fee. Dr. McManus will check with the legal department to see if anything has changed. Three years ago late pick-ups were sent to Youth Guidance and a fee was assessed. While the late pickups were significantly reduced, there was an issue with parents paying the late fees.

- CPS has stated that the school year may end on June 1st. In the event the school year ends early, Dr. McManus is being proactive and creating a tentative schedule for end of the year events.

CIWP: (no report)

PPLC: (no report)

Friends of STEM:

- Untapped-Parent's Night Out
 - April 6, 2017
 - Family Sponsorship
 - Teacher Sponsorships
 - Teacher Auctions
 - Classroom Art projects for auction
- Bling Shirts
- Shirts for Dads

Old Business

- PBIS-Positive Behavior Intervention System
 - Teachers were scheduled to meet and plan during the PD day in January. That day was changed to a furlough day on the CPS calendar.
 - Teachers will readjust FLEX Day topics to ensure there is time to plan and create a PBIS that fits STEM.
 - LSC Teacher Representatives will report back to the LSC on the progress of PBIS.

New Business

- PARCC
 - Administered to Grades 3-8
 - Students may opt out of PARCC
 - Dates: March 6-April 6, 2017
 - A schedule will be emailed to parents on Friday

Public Participation

- Mrs. Sanders: Her daughter is in Kinder and she is very pleased with what she has experienced at STEM so far. She would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work.

Announcements

The next LSC meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017 at 5:15pm.

Closed Session

LSC members moved to closed session to review documents for principal's evaluation.

Adjournments

The LSC members reconvened after closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

Submitted by:

Mrs. Tarita Brantley

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LSC Secretary