

# MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

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These minutes were approved on **November 28, 2018 with correction to V.B.3.**

## MINUTES

Morgan Park High School Local School Council  
Morgan Park School Library  
October 17, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carisa Parker, at 6:03pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS		PRESENT	ABSENT
Femi Skanes	Principal	X	
John Cleggett	Parent		X
Sharon Brown	Parent	X at 6:08pm	
Michelle Malone	Parent	X	
Autumn Lloyd	Parent		X
Carisa Parker	Parent	X	
Lorena Tucker	Parent		X
Kayla Williams	Student	X	
Angela Gipson	Teacher	X	
Keith Majeske	Teacher	X	
Kathleen Jackson-Bey	Non-Teaching Staff		X
Peggy Goddard	Community	X	
Margaret LaRaviere	Community	X	

### III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Malone moved to approve the regular monthly LSC minutes from September 19, 2018. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.

### IV. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None needed

### V. REPORTS

#### A. PPLC Report

Ms. Gipson explained that she will be meeting with Dr. Skanes to discuss a possible new direction for the PPLC. .

#### B. Principal's Report – Dr. Skanes

- Staffing needs: Special Education Teacher, School Security Officer, and Lunch/Afterschool Tutors
- All teachers received specific feedback on their unit 1 instruction units. Optimal Learning Services, LLC will be providing curriculum and planning supports to core teachers to help them develop more cognitively demanding instructional tasks.
- The schoolwide goal for attendance is 90%. To date our attendance rate is ~~2.26~~ 92.26%. The grade level attendance and enrollment numbers as of 9/19/2018 are:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 97.68% (49 students)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 98.14% (44 students)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 92.72% (334 students)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 91.37% (263 students)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 90.98% (279 students)
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 91.92% (269 students)
  - Total Enrollment: 1,238
- MPHS Open House for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students is on Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 3, both at 10:30a.m.
- To discuss the Laquan McDonald trial verdict, a community forum is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

6. Annual Regional Analysis Meeting
  - a. The Area Regional Analysis (ARA) supports the district's mission to provide every student with a high-quality education in every neighborhood by giving stakeholders a common set of information regarding school quality, enrollment patterns, school options and program offerings by region. In order to ensure communities have access to this information, CPS is leading a series of ARA workshops this fall.
  - b. ARA workshops will be led by senior CPS leaders and provide members of the community with an opportunity to learn about and discuss the schools in their region. Each meeting will begin with a short presentation by CPS leadership on the ARA and conclude with facilitated tale discussions to brainstorm ways to invest in and strengthen schools throughout Chicago.
  - c. Morgan Park will host a meeting on November 13, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm. LSC members are encouraged to attend. All guests must register. The information has be sent out via email. Advance registration required to be admitted.
7. Teachers students and parents were sent a survey link to gather their interest in program expansion ideas. A community forum will be held on Saturday October 20, 2018 for people to express their interest and to ask questions. Program letters of interest are due to CPS by Friday October 26, 2018.
  - a. Teacher Survey results: 37 response (could select up to two programs of interest)
    - 1) Health Science: 18
    - 2) Construction: 17
    - 3) Automotive Tech: 13
    - 4) Business: 8
    - 5) Fine Arts: 7
    - 6) Digital Media: 5
  - b. Student Survey: 1 response (not enough data collected for valid information)
  - c. Parent Survey results: 44 response (could select up to two programs of interest) **WILL BE RESENT TO PARENTS ON FRIDAY**
    - 1) Business: 20
    - 2) Health Science: 15
    - 3) Fine Arts: 15
    - 4) Digital Media: 14
    - 5) Construction: 12
    - 6) Auto: 6
    - 7) Teaching academy: 4
- C. LRE Report - The special education department continues to work with students toward meeting their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) benchmarks and goals.
  - 1) Currently teachers are servicing 196 Morgan Park High school students with disabilities that include, specific learning disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, autism, emotional disturbances, speech and language impairment and cognitive impairment.
  - 2) Students with health issues, including, but not limited to asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc., have a Section 504 health plan on file and accessible to teachers.
  - 3) There are currently 11 special education teachers and 8 related service providers (psychologist, social worker, nurse, occupational therapist, etc.).
  - 4) 9<sup>th</sup> grade special education files should be arriving shortly from elementary schools and will be organized per MPHS standards.
  - 5) Programs have been checked and all students with disabilities are currently being placed in the correct classes per their IEPs.
  - 6) All students with IEPs and 504 health plans received a hearing and vision screening on October 2.
  - 7) The CPS Vision Clinic, Ageless Eye Care, will be scheduled in November to give free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students who qualify.
  - 8) The IEP team is working closely with the Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation to transition our students from high school to college and/or secure employment. Applications for this program have been sent home.
  - 9) Currently, 3 of our seniors are participating in the Bridges from High School to Work program and are gainfully employed.
- D. Finance Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick
  1. Ms. Fitzpatrick distributed and explained the financial reports.
  2. Checks in excess of \$2,500:

- a. \$3,210 for PE uniforms (approved at September meeting by accidentally not signed)
- b. \$2,812.50 to Clark Catering for 2018 Homecoming dance food
- 3. Fundraising proposals for approval (approval in New Business):
  - a. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball – taffy apples for league fees and new equipment
  - b. Girls Track – popcorn sale for team expenses, buses, etc.
  - c. School-wide – movie tickets for private screening of the movie “The Hate You Give”. Students are reading the book in class now. Minimal profit to the school.
- E. PTSA Report – No report.
- F. PAC Report – Dr. Skanes
  - 1. First meeting was on September 27 with about 50 parents present.
  - 2. 14 parents attended the organizational meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. PAC officers for 2018-19:
    - a. Anise Brown – Chair
    - b. Kiana Lowe – Vice-Chair
    - c. Angela Ellington – Secretary
    - d. Tiana Franks – Outreach Coordinator
- G. Student Representative – Ms. Williams
  - 1. Ms. Williams suggested that good things that are happening at MPHS be advertised better to help change the stereotype that Morgan Park is a bad school with lots of fights.
  - 2. She commented that students don’t know what the LSC is and suggested we explain it to the student body.
  - 3. Ms. LaRaviere suggested that the community wants to know what is going on and the newspaper should be more accessible. Ms. Parker responded that MP has a Twitter account, is on Facebook and the newspaper is on our website. Mr. Majeske added the school paper is at Starbucks on 103<sup>rd</sup> and Longwood as well.
  - 4. Dr. Skanes shared communication strategies: a full page ad in the Beverly Review every month; every parent gets an emailed newsletter on Fridays; sports information is updated at empehiathletics. Mrs. Malone is impressed with the parent newsletter.
  - 5. Ms. LaRaviere asked if non-parents could receive the newsletter. Dr. Skanes responded that at this time there is no way to add to the internal server but she is exploring external sites to see if eventually that could happen.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fundraising Committee – Mrs. Brown
  - 1. Taste of Morgan Park as a way to get many people involved.
  - 2. Monopoly game customized with Morgan Park things.
  - 3. Christmas live wreath, centerpieces and other decorations. Mrs. Goddard offered the Blue House garage for delivery and pick up if this fundraiser occurs.
- B. Community Outreach/ Relations Committee – Mr. Majeske
  - 1. 153 followers on twitter
  - 2. Morgan Park ads monthly in Beverly Review
  - 3. Open House ad in Beverly Review
- C. CIWP Committee
  - 1. Dr. Skanes shared and explained the updates to the CIWP.
  - 2. Five goals for MPHS;
    - a. MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)
    - b. Safety and Order
    - c. Balanced Assessment and Grading
    - d. Rigorous Student Tasks
    - e. Professional Learning
- D. Principal Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Goddard will provide a timeline for Principal Evaluation at the November meeting.

## VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tineeka Reed, parent, would like the Principal's Report to include Incident Reports with comparisons to last year; comparison to last year for attendance data; and on-track data compared to last year.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Academic Program Request for Proposal – Discussed in Principal's Report

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Vote to increase check amount needing LSC approval

1. Mrs., Goddard explained that the \$2,500 limit for check approvals is too low for a high school the size of Morgan Park and can result in delayed payments to vendors. She suggested the limit be increased to \$5,000. There were no objections or concerns.
2. **Mrs. Goddard moved to increase the amount of checks needing LSC approval from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Ms. LaRaviere seconded. Unanimous.**

B. Vote on Fund Transfers

**Mrs. Goddard moved to change funding allocation to clear negative balance in Title 1 funding. Mrs. Malone seconded. Unanimous.**

C. Vote on PAC Fund Transfers – None needed.

D. .Vote on CIWP Amendment - None needed.

E. Vote to Approve Fundraising

**Mrs. Goddard moved to approve the fundraising proposals as presented in V. Reports D. Financial #3. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None needed.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**