

# MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

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These minutes were approved on December 19, 2018

## MINUTES

Morgan Park High School Local School Council  
Morgan Park School Library  
November 28, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carisa Parker, at 6:07pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS		PRESENT	ABSENT
Femi Skanes	Principal	X	
John Cleggett	Parent	X	
Sharon Brown	Parent		X
Michelle Malone	Parent		X
Autumn Lloyd	Parent	X at 6:16pm	
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

Dr. Skanes pointed out an error in V. REPORTS B. Principal's report #3. "To date our attendance rate is 2.26%." which should read "To date our attendance rate is 92.26%." **Ms. Parker moved to approve the regular monthly LSC minutes from October 17, 2018 with the correction noted. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**

### IV. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None needed

### V. REPORTS

#### A. PPLC Report

Ms. Gipson reported that the PPLC has not yet been formed..

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

- Staffing needs: Special Education Teacher (in process). School Security Officer (in process), and Lunch/Afterschool Tutors are still needed.
- Instructional Priorities: Professional development support being provided to teachers to help them better understand how to plan lessons that are more cognitively demanding for students. Dr. Andrea Brown-Thirston is the consultant who will be meeting with teachers bi-weekly for instructional planning.
- Academic Celebrations: A luncheon was held for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who ended Q1 with all As/Bs. An awards assembly was also held for the Academic Center. All of the grade level teams are planning to host grade level academic celebrations within the next two weeks.
- Attendance Updates and Enrollment Updates:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 96.93% (49 students)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 97.79% (44 students)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 90.41% (332 students)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 88.70% (260 students)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 88.23% (275 students)
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 89.45% (264 students)
  - Total Enrollment: 1,224

5. Alumni Connection: The alumni organization contacted the school to learn how they can better support Morgan Park. The suggestions for support included: A vehicle that can be used to transport teams to different events. This would save the school thousands of dollars. Funds to support teacher luncheon and gifts. The current budget does not allow for the school to purchase items for staff.
6. Community Schools Initiative: Our community school initiative programs have started. Currently, the following programs are available to our students: Band, Sports Media Broadcasting, Mobile Recording Studio, Gospel Choir, Yearbook, Student Council, Book Club, Chess Club, Modeling, and College Possible. Parent programs will begin soon.
7. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Dec. 12 – Band Winter Concert
  - b. Dec. 19 – choir Winter Concert
  - c. Dec. 20 – National Honor Society Induction
8. Ms. Parker shared the following letter of support:

*The Morgan Park High School Local School Council wishes to extend its gratitude and support to Dr. Femi Skanes, the administrative team, the faculty and the support staff for the timely and calm handling of the unfortunate incidents that occurred in November which caused the school to go on soft lock down. By quickly activating the safety plan, which included a call to 911 that dispatched both the Chicago Police and Fire Department, safety was restored to the all Morgan Park students and staff.*

*We are aware that incidents of this kind have occurred in previous school years. That some students consider these incidents to be “pranks” is a problem Dr. Skanes and her team have inherited. We have full confidence that they have begun to work to resolve these issues.*

*They have been meeting with the district’s Safety and Security Office, Chicago Fire and Chicago Police Departments for resources to deter such disruptive activity and several security cameras have been repositioned. In addition, other steps have already been done to improve the safety conditions at Morgan Park.*

*In good faith, Dr. Skanes proactively convened a parent and a staff meeting where many questions were answered and next steps were outlined. In addition, a meeting was convened with all students by grade level to remind them of the danger of such actions and the consequences that would be the result. While we know that such events have caused anxiety, some fear and even anger amongst parents, teachers and students, the LSC recognizes that challenges such as these are best resolved when we all work together for solutions.*

*Although these irresponsible acts have caused some undesirable publicity, we are excited about the direction that Morgan Park is headed under our new leadership. We wish to continue to support our administration, our teachers and students in such a way that we forge ahead in school’s tradition of excellence and encourage our Morgan Park community to do the same.*

C. LRE Report – No report

D. Finance Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick

1. Ms. Fitzpatrick distributed and explained the financial reports. She pointed out a negative in Fund 115 of \$-61,018.36 and explained that they are disputing the negative and have evidence to support the dispute.
2. MP is on track for spending for the school year.
3. School fees continue to be collected.
4. Checks in excess of \$2,500 that were issued prior to increase in amount to \$5,000:
  - a. \$7,879.20 to Jostens for 1<sup>st</sup> installment for yearbook
  - b. \$2,600 to LMK Skate for 9<sup>th</sup> grade incentives
  - c. **Mrs. Goddard moved to approve checks as presented. Ms., Parker seconded. Unanimous.**
5. Fundraising proposals for approval (approval in New Business):
  - a. Baseball – \$1 Krispy Kremes in all of January
  - b. Baseball – \$3 tickets to Charity Basketball Game on January 11th (Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Boys Varsity Baseball)
  - c. Baseball - Pre-Sale Krispy Kremes
  - d. Baseball – Concessions at home basketball games from December 4 – January 11
  - e. Student Council – Spare change collection to support Make A Wish Foundation

- f. Amendment to school sweatshirt sales fundraiser approved on September 19, 2018 to include sales of all other Mustang gear.
- E. PTSA Report – No report.
- F. PAC Report – Dr. Skanes
  - 1. PAC met on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6pm. Eight parents attended.
  - 2. Parent SAT workshop will be held on December 18, 2018.
  - 3. Ms. Annyce Brown will attend the FACE meeting on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
  - 4. December PAC meeting is a “Bring a friend” event.
  - 5. Action Items:
    - a. Schedule social media workshop
    - b. PSAT/SAT Workshop
    - c. Create a flyer for the December 18<sup>th</sup> event
- G. Student Representative – Ms. Williams
  - 1. Student Success:
    - a. IB Day for both 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade CP & DP students
    - b. Academic Center A & A/B honor roll lunch
    - c. Monthly student incentive “Let’s Get Poppin’”
    - d. Boys’ Basketball Tryouts last week
    - e. Serena Echols and Benjamin Todd awarded the United Negro College Fund scholarships
    - f. The Morgan Park Marching Band performed at Old Navy in Marshfield Plaza for their grand opening.
    - g. NHS hosted a meet and greet
  - 2. Student Needs:
    - a. Off campus lunch
    - b. Brought in restaurant foods
    - c. Student Center
    - d. Heat/AC consistent
    - e. More food options with Aramark
    - f. More college and job opportunities and field trips
    - g. Nursing Program
    - h. Foreign Exchange trips
    - i. Junior and Senior trips

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Fundraising Committee – No report
- B. Community Outreach/ Relations Committee – Mr. Majeske
  - 1. Two ads in local papers – one in Beverly Review and one in 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Quarterly which goes to every home and business in the ward
  - 2. Committed to monthly in Beverly Review and quarterly ads in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Quarterly
  - 3. Ms. LaRaviere reported that she attended the BAPA Education Committee recently and BAPA is interested in holding joint events with Morgan Park.
- C. CIWP Committee
 

Dr. Skanes shared and explained the updates and action items for the CIWP. The original CIWP included three strategies (Safety and Order; Balanced Assessment and Grading; Resource Alignment). The updated CIWP includes five:

  - a. MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) with five action items
  - b. Safety and Order with six action items
  - c. Balanced Assessment and Grading with three action items
  - d. Rigorous Student Tasks with three action items
  - e. Professional Learning with seven action items
- D. Principal Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Goddard
  - 1. The evaluation timeline begins in February so will be available in January.
  - 2. All LSC members are encouraged to complete or review the LSC Principal evaluation training module. All new members are required to complete all modules by December 31, 2018. Mrs. Goddard will email the link.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Lesly Washington, parent, expressed concern about school policy that parents are allowed to enter their child's classroom during class unless they are a volunteer. She relayed a personal experience. Dr. Skanes offered her sincere apologies for any embarrassment Ms. Washington felt and added that parent in classrooms is not best practice for students and from a safety perspective. Volunteers are not in the classroom. She offered to continue to meet to help clarify.
2. Tineeka Reed, parent, commented that the decrease in attendance rates and decrease in on track rates show that if students are not here they cannot be on track. She suggested robo calls and human calls be implemented for absences.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Vote on Fund Transfers – None needed.
- B. Vote on PAC Fund Transfers – None needed.
- C. Vote on CIWP Amendment

**Mrs. Goddard moved to approve the amended 2018-2020 CIWP for Morgan Park High School. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**

- D. Vote to Approve Fundraising

**Ms. Parker 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 6:57pm. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**