

MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

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These minutes were approved on January 18, 2019

MINUTES

Morgan Park High School Local School Council
Morgan Park School Library
December 19, 2018
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carisa Parker, at 6:05pm.

II. ROLL CALL

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS		PRESENT	ABSENT
Femi Skanes	Principal	X	
John Cleggett	Parent	X at 6:20pm	
Sharon Brown	Parent	X	
Michelle Malone	Parent	X	
Autumn Lloyd	Parent	X	
Carisa Parker	Parent	X	
Lorena Tucker	Parent	X at 6:19pm	
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 November 28, 2018. Dr. Skanes seconded. Unanimous.

IV. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None needed

V. REPORTS

A. PPLC Report

Ms. Gipson reported that there is now a PPLC and the first meeting will be in January.

B. Principal's Report – Dr. Skanes

- Staffing needs: There is a need for a Science teacher due to a teacher transferring to another school.
- Instructional Priorities: Teachers are continuing to receive professional development supports with developing tasks that are cognitively demanding which will prepare students for the PSAT/SAT.
- Attendance Updates and Enrollment Updates:
 - Total enrollment – 1209 (Overall year to date attendance: 89.55%)
 - 7th grade – 96.25% (48 students)
 - 8th grade – 97.83% (44 students)
 - 9th grade – 89.77% (328 students)
 - 10th grade – 88.41% (258 students)
 - 11th grade – 87.81% (270 students)
 - 12th grade – 89.44% (261 students)
- Current On Track Rate (considers students who are passing all classes)
 - Goal: 90%
 - 7th grade – 60.4%
 - 8th grade – 75%
 - 9th grade – 73.3%
 - 10th grade – 79.1%

5. Safety and Security Updates:

It was recently reported that there was a kidnapping near the school involving one of our students, After a thorough investigation, which included the Chicago Police Department and the CPS Safety and Security team, it was determined that the even did not happen as reported in the media. The school was in contact with all of the families to ensure that all students were safe.
 6. Weekly Parent Communication: Currently, the weekly memo for parents is sent out through a CPS system called Blackboard. However, we are not able to add email addresses for community and other stakeholders. To this end, we are switching to an external communication system so that more stakeholders can be included. This change will be effective after the new year.
- C. LRE Report – No report
- D. Finance Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick
1. Fundraising proposals for approval was presented by the Senior Board for an All School Talent Show in March, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm (approval in New Business):
 2. Ms. Fitzpatrick distributed and explained the financial reports. She pointed out a negative in Fund 115 of \$-61,018.36 has decreased to \$-48,944.34 and explained that they are still disputing this with the Budget Office.
- E. PTSA Report – Ms. Brown
- Ms. Brown suggested that the PTA be disbanded. She added that Ms. LaRaviere suggested that a PTO may be better with less rules and more opportunities. She will check with her and report back.
- F. PAC Report – Dr. Skanes
1. PAC met on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Twelve parents attended for the SAT workshop.
 2. Next proposed PAC workshop topic is social media concerns for teens.
 3. Parents overall had good feedback regarding the PSAT/SAT workshop.
 4. Action Items:
 - a. Schedule social media workshop
 - b. Get list of food vendors to Ms. Brown
- G. Student Representative – Ms. Williams
1. Student Success:
 - a. Concert Choir performed at Beverly Bank
 - b. AC students were recognized for academics and attendance
 - c. Staff is working with juniors on SAT prep
 - d. Christmas Band Concert held
 - e. Debate was victorious
 - f. Student Council hosted a cookie decorating and hot chocolate holiday event
 2. Student Needs:
 - a. More social media presence
 - b. More student participation to improve school spirit

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fundraising Committee – Ms. Brown will share information about a MP cookbook at next meeting.
- B. Community Outreach/ Relations Committee – Mr. Majeske
 1. Ad in Beverly Review
 2. Ms. Parker reported that there are 178 Twitter followers
 3. Mrs. Goddard reported there were two pictures in today's Beverly Review .
 4. Dr. Skanes will find someone to update the Facebook page (possibly Ms. Smith in the Attendance Office)
- C. CIWP Committee – No report
- D. Principal Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Goddard
 1. Mrs. Goddard distributed the timeline for Principal Evaluation and explained the steps.
 2. Ms. Williams asked if the student representative participates in the evaluation. She was encouraged to offer her thoughts but cannot participate in the closed sessions.
 3. It was suggested that Google has a survey that may allow for more free participants than Survey Monkey. Mrs. Goddard will check on that.
 4. All LSC members were again encouraged to complete or review the LSC Principal Evaluation training module. All new members are required to complete all modules by December 31, 2018.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Roberta Sullivan,, parent, asked for clarification about buses for teams. Dr. Skanes explained that the school pays for transportation to any conference games. Transportation to non-conference games is paid for through gate sales and fundraising.
- B. Adrienne Griffin, parent, asked about baseball team. Same applies.

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
- D. Vote to Approve Fundraising
Ms. Goddard moved to approve the fundraising proposals as presented in V. Reports D. Financial #1. Ms. Brown seconded. Unanimous.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None needed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Mrs. Goddard seconded. Unanimous.