

# MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

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These minutes were approved on February 20, 2019

## MINUTES

Morgan Park High School Local School Council  
Morgan Park School Library  
January 16, 2019  
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
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 at 6:24	
Peggy Goddard	Community	X	
Margaret LaRaviere	Community		X

### III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Parker moved to approve the regular monthly LSC minutes from November 28, 2018. Ms. LaRaviere seconded. Unanimous.

### IV. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None needed

### V. REPORTS

- A. PPLC Report - No report
- B. Principal's Report – Dr. Skanes
  1. Staffing needs
    - a. John Ogundele is our new Science teacher and Ericka Hamilton our new Social Science.
    - b. Alvin James and Danielle Barfield are leaving MP at the end of the semester.
    - c. MP is currently seeking a Science teacher.
    - d. Quniton Cassell was hired as a new security officer and began in December.
  2. 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.
  3. Attendance Updates and Enrollment Updates:
    - a. Total enrollment – 1203 (Overall year to date attendance: 88.97%) This is slightly above last year at this time.
    - b. 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 96.21% (48 students)
    - c. 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 97.87% (44 students)
    - d. 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 89.21% (323 students)
    - e. 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 87.88% (258 students)
    - f. 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 87.43% (270 students)
    - g. 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 89.75% (261 students)
  4. ESSA Grant Allocation – Based on the ISBE summative designation, schools have been awarded additional grant funds. The students in special education did not perform at the same academic level as their general education peers.

As a result, Morgan Park High School may receive an additional \$15K to support improved instructional outcomes for students.

5. CTE Application – The deadline for the CTE application is Friday, January 25, 2019. Morgan Park High School will be submitting an application for 1.) Health Sciences 2.) Teaching Academy 3.) Digital Media.
  6. Bowling – Varsity Boys Bowling Team won their 6<sup>th</sup> straight CPS City Championship in Boys Bowling on Monday, January 14, 2019.
  7. Top 10 Breakfast – To celebrate the academic achievement of our Top 10 students, in grades 9 to 12, there will be a Top 10 breakfast for students and parents, which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2019.
- C. The special education department continues to work with students toward meeting their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) benchmarks and goals.
1. Currently teachers are servicing 191 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. This is 10-12% of MP total population.
  2. The CPS Vision Clinic, Ageless Eye Care, was administered nearly 100 eye exams to Morgan Park High School students. Many of these students received glasses and/or referrals for further visual assistance.
  3. The IEP team, along with the department of Human Service, Division of Rehabilitation, has identified 43 students who will receive transition assistance from high school to college and/or secure employment. Mr. Richard Jones is our DHS coordinator.
  4. Currently, 3 of our seniors are participating in the Bridges from High School to Work program and are gainfully employed. 19 juniors have applied to participate in the Bridges program. Students are meeting weekly with Mr. Jason Smola to practice writing appropriate resume, increasing interview skills, and tips on how to dress and speak effectively.
  5. Ms. Deborah Murphy, math instructor, recently attended a workshop entitled “FDIC’s Train-the Trainer: Money Smart for Young People.” Lessons such as financial planning, spending and budgeting, and the importance of saving were just a few of the areas explored. Ms. Murphy will be incorporating the finance lessons into her 12<sup>th</sup> grade College Algebra curriculum as students are preparing to enter adulthood.
  6. The Cluster Program at Morgan Park High School is preparing to participate in the track and field events during the Spring Special Olympic games. Students are practicing their skills weekly. The plan is to take regular ed students to cheer on our Olympians. Student Michael Slaughter is a 2019 Alpine Ski State Qualifier and has advanced to the Winter Games at Chestnut Mountain in February.
  7. The Cluster Program held an Annual Christmas Fundraiser in December and nearly \$1800 was raised. Monies will be used to increase students’ independent functioning and daily living skills via community-based outing and field trips. The items sold were a result of the work students had done in her Occupational Prep class (counting, packing, sorting, collating, and accurately recording inventory and merchandise). The Annual School Walkathon fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for the end of March.
  8. The Cluster Program and parents of seniors will be going on a school tour to Southside Occupational Prep in the month of April in order for students to explore vocations. Senior Parents will have an opportunity to enroll students who will be attending Southside in the fall 2019.
  9. The Cluster Program will also be obtaining their state Identification cards in May thanks to ODLSS who will host State ID Fair for students with disabilities.
  10. We are very proud to announce one of our cluster senior students, Henderson King, was accepted to Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana.
- D. Finance Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick
1. Fundraising proposals for approval (approval in New Business):
    - a. Mustang Walkathon on March 22, 2019 for the Cluster Program
    - b. Popcorn Bags Sales February 25 – March 1 for Cluster Program
    - c. Krispy Kreme pre-sales February 1-22 for MP Band
    - d. Century Resource sales (catalog of items to pre-order) March 24 – April 5 for JROTC
    - e. Pennies for Leukemia in February for Student Council
  2. Ms. Fitzpatrick distributed. The negative on the position pointer in Fund 115 has decreased. She is still disputing this with the Budget Office.
- E. PTSA Report – No report  
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. Parent SAT workshop was held on December 18, 2018. There were 12 parents in attendance and the presenter was awesome.
2. The next scheduled PAC workshop is on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6pm. The topic of the next workshop is Social Media tips for parents. Dinner will be served.
3. The ESSA conference will be held February 11-3, 2019. PAC parents are encouraged to attend this event. Funds are available to attend.

G. Student Representative – No report

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fundraising Committee – No report
- B. Community Outreach/ Relations Committee – Mr. Majeske
  1. Monthly ad in Beverly Review
  2. The Beverly Review also publishes school news in the School Bulletin section.
  3. The Top 10 students will be in next month's
  4. Dr. Skanes added that a Community vendor Fair at Morgan Park is tentatively scheduled for February 24.
- C. CIWP Committee – No report
- D. Principal Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Goddard
  1. At the last meeting, it was suggested that Google has a survey that may allow for more free participants than Survey Monkey. Upon checking with a Google employee, Mrs. Goddard discovered that their surveys are not confidential and confidentiality is important in an evaluation. Although Survey Monkey limits the number of free participants, it will provide the LSC with a sampling of parent and faculty input.
  2. The survey questions will be emailed to LSC members before the February meeting so members have an opportunity to review before the meeting.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vanessa Richardson, community member, MP alumna and director of Chicago Region PTSA, shared the responsibilities of PTSAs and added that PTSA has grants for schools through Google. She left brochures with all LSC members and will email Dr. Skanes to discuss.

## 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. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None needed.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm. Ms. LaRaviere seconded. Unanimous.**