

# MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

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These minutes were approved on April 24, 2019

## M INUTES

Morgan Park High School Local School Council  
Morgan Park School Library  
March 20, 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 AT 6:27	
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 February 20, 2019. Mr. Majeske seconded.  
Unanimous.

### IV. AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – None needed

### V. REPORTS

#### A. PPLC Report

1. Currently going over departmental concerns,
2. Future meetings will focus on instructional issues.

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

##### 1. Attendance Updates and Enrollment Updates:

- a. Total enrollment – 1197 (Overall year to date attendance: 87.49%)
- b. 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 96.004% (48 students)
- c. 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 97.59% (43 students)
- d. 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 87.22% (322 students)
- e. 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 86.23% (259 students)
- f. 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 85.90% (272 students)
- g. 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 87.46% (253 students)

##### 2. Staffing Needs

- a. Biology position vacant
- b. Need a temporary Spanish teacher (Arthur)
- c. Need a temporary English teacher (Ruggles)
- d. Morgan Park welcomes Ms. Williams who is serving as a temporary teacher for Ms. Thornton (Econ).

##### 3. Ribbon Cutting – Baseball Field

The Chicago Cubs will be hosting a ribbon cutting for the baseball field on Friday, April 12, 2019. A detailed description and schedule was distributed.

##### 4. SAT/PSAT

The SAT is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. The PSAT is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. With the exception of the Academic Center students, those students who are not testing do have to attend school on the days other students are testing. A letter will be sent to parents explaining the days for testing/days off.

5. Vendor Fair
 

The Vendor Fair was held on Sunday, March 19, 2019. Over 45 vendors attended the event. There was a positive response from the community and the alumni.
6. Report Card Pick Up
 

Report card pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 12pm – 6pm.
7. Budgets
 

Budgets will be released on Monday, March 25, 2019. They are due April 25,, 2019.
- C. LRE Report – The special education department continues to work with students toward meeting their Individualized Education Plans (IEP) benchmarks and goals.
  1. Teachers and students are busy preparing for the upcoming SAT and PSAT exams. Students are using Khan Academy SAT reading passages and practice tests. Students in the diverse learning program will test with accommodations that include extended time and use of MP3 technology. Students will test separately from their peers with special education teachers. Students with accommodations over 50% extended time will test over a two day period. It is imperative that students attend both days of testing to complete the exam.
  2. Cluster students in the 9-11<sup>th</sup> grades will be participating in state assessments (DLM) beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> until all students have been tested.
  3. The Cluster Program is preparing for Annual School Walkathon, March 22, 2019 during 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> periods in the boys' gym. The theme this year will be "Can't Hide That Mustang Pride!" All monies raised will be used to increase students' independent functioning and daily living skills via Community-Based Outings and Field Trips.
  4. Morgan Park High School student athletes will participate in the Special Olympics Spring Games this May. Opening ceremonies will be held at Soldier Field on May 3. The competitions will take place at Dunbar Park on May 6 through 10.
  5. Dental Smiles will be here May 21 and 22 to give students free oral exams and cleanings. Students will need a consent form signed by a parent. The consent forms will be available late April. They will also be handed out during Report Card Pick-Up in April 11.
  6. Ageless Eyecare will return May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a last round of eye exams. Over 100 pairs of glasses were given to students over the last year. Consent forms will also be available for this service.
- D. Finance Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick
  1. Negative on the Position pointer in fund 115 has increased again. Discussions continue.
  2. Approved Reconciliation Reports distributed.
  3. Fundraising proposals for approval:
    - a. Senior Board – Refreshments (popcorn, juice, water, cookies) during parent/teacher conferences – April 11, 2019
    - b. Senior Board – Staff vs. Students Basketball game – April 22-26, 2019
  4. Emeralds – Emerald's Dance Showcase – May 4, 2019
  5. One check over \$5,000 needs approval: \$7,879.20 to Jostens Inc. for the second deposit for 2019 yearbook. **Mrs. Goddard moved that check be approved as presented. Mr. Majeske seconded. Unanimous.**
- E. PTSA Report – No report.
- F. PAC Report – No report.
- G. Student Representative – Ms. Williams
  1. Student Needs:
    - a. Fire alarms – Dr. Skanes explained the follow-up includes suspension, expulsion hearing and felony charges. She suggests that when students have knowledge that an alarm will be pulled they need to alert an adult.
    - b. Better vending machines
    - c. Fights
    - d. Food
    - e. Ceiling leakage – Dr. Skanes will have fixed once she knows which bathroom it is
    - f. Extended two minutes during passing period
    - g. Bathroom passes
    - h. Reinforce weekly grades
    - i. Off campus lunch
    - j. Half day division
    - k. Senior trips
    - l. Study Halls
  2. Student Success:
    - a. Students were given pizza as the February incentive.
    - b. Senior, Amber Anderson, committed to William Penn University on an athletic scholarship.
    - c. Students and staff participated in the Black History Showcase.

- d. Magdalene Jackson, Darryl Howard, and Devon Reynolds received superior ratings at ISHA Solo and Ensemble contests.
- e. Seniors are receiving college acceptance letters.
- f. Senior, Jiana Chamber, earned an Honor Superior for her solo at the Ensemble Music Festival.
- g. JROTC students hosted a memorial for the late Sergeant Davis.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fundraising Committee – No report.
- B. Community Outreach/ Relations Committee – Mr. Majeske
  - 1. A monthly ad and other information have been in Beverly Review
  - 2. Twitter got a boost with the Vendor Fair and alumni postings. There are now 258 Twitter followers
  - 3. Monthly ads continue in the Beverly Review.
  - 4. Sutherland principal is coordinating a collaborative ad in the Beverly Review for all neighborhood schools.
  - 5. Dr. Skanes plans a special memorial for Sgt. O. Davis in the Beverly Review as well.
  - 6. Ms. Parker and two other parents will represent MPHS at the Moms of Beverly School Fair at Sutherland on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- C. CIWP Committee – No report
- D. Principal Evaluation Committee – Mrs. Goddard
  - 1. Survey Monkey questions
    - a. CPS approved the questions for both parents and teachers.
    - b. Survey Monkey link will be distributed to parents and teachers via email. The email will also point out that extra time will be allotted at the April 24<sup>th</sup> LSC meeting for comments related to the evaluation.
    - c. **Mrs. Goddard moved that the Survey Monkey be opened on April 1<sup>st</sup> and closed on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Loyd seconded. Unanimous.**
  - 2. Forms
    - a. LSC members received and signed the Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Conduct for Principal Evaluation.
    - b. “CPS Principal Competencies and Success Factors” from OPPD was distributed.
    - c. Dr. Skanes shared a comprehensive list of Professional Updates. Mrs. Goddard suggested that there may be no need to go into Executive Session for “gathering info for evaluation.” since the information has been distributed.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Lesly Washington, parent, expressed concern over the handling of a recent incident in a gym class. Dr. Skanes suggested she contact the Network Chief or Network Operations Manager.
- B. Taneeka Reed, parent, asked what plans are in place to address issues related to the school. es.

## 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 – None needed
- D. Vote to Approve Fundraising  
**Ms. Goddard moved to approve the fundraising proposals as presented in V. Reports D. Financial #3. Mrs. Loyd seconded. Unanimous.**

## X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None needed.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Ms. Malone seconded. Unanimous.**