



Skinner West Local School Council Special (Budget) Meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2016 4:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Deborah M. Clark
Principal

Armando Chacon
Community Representative

Melvin Flowers
Parent Representative

Sharlene P.B. Hobson
Parent Representative

Sheila Howard
Staff Representative

Tom Kim
Community Representative

Matthew Letourneau
Parent Representative

Fadi S. Matalka
Parent Representative

Michael McMurray
Parent Representative

Donna McSpadden
Teacher Representative

Nell Strong
Parent Representative

Ramel Werner
Teacher Representative

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by President M. McMurray.
- b. Present were LSC members A. Chacon, D. Clark, S. Hobson, S. Howard, M. Letourneau, F. Matalka, M. McMurray, N. Strong, and R. Werner.
- c. LSC member M. Flowers called in to the meeting at 4:35 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved (S. Hobson, R. Werner).

3. Presentation of 2016-2017 Budget

- a. Starting this year, CPS has included Special Education funding within individual school budgets.
- b. The 2016-17 budget provided by CPS includes year-over-year reductions in Supplemental General State Aid (SGSA) Funds (\$50k), Classical Funds (\$40k), and a \$25k reduction in funding related to the branch building (to compensate for the additional SBB funding provided for schools over 1,000 students). This results in an overall deficit of \$115,000 as compared to 2015-16.
- c. We are losing two Educational Support Personnel (ESP) from the pre-K program that was cut by CPS. In addition, various other budget cuts and reductions were discussed.
- d. The Title II Teacher Quality Grant is \$204,000. The following budget items were proposed for this funding pool:
 - i. New 6th grade teacher
 - ii. Intervention pull out teacher
 - iii. Professional development
- e. The SGSA Funds budget is \$169,273. The following budget items were proposed for this funding pool:
 - i. Science teacher
 - ii. Kindergarten support teacher
 - iii. Internal accounts
 - iv. Security support
 - v. Science materials

There may be an SGSA rollover in October.

- f. The Classical Funds budget is \$441,000. The following budget items were proposed for this funding pool:
 - i. Classical teachers
 - ii. Security support
- g. The School Based Budgeting (SBB) Funds budget is \$37,147, plus another \$302,771 for teacher position savings, resulting in a total of \$339,918. The following budget items were proposed for this funding pool:
 - i. Discretionary teaching positions
 - ii. New teaching positions
 - iii. Operational expenses
 - iv. Instructional technology based items
 - v. Various "buckets" of additional school needs

There may be a \$50,000 reimbursement for Achieve3000 from last year.
- h. The group discussed emphasizing to teachers and parents the importance of paying the school and book fees.

4. Public Comment on Budget

- a. The audience provided questions about allocations and suggestions during the discussion.

5. Budget Approval

- a. The Title II Teacher Quality Grant budget was approved (S. Hobson, S. Howard).
- b. The SGSA Funds budget was approved (R. Werner, S. Howard).
- c. The Classical Funds budget was approved (M. Letourneau, N. Strong).
- d. The SBB Funds budget was approved (M. McMurray, R. Werner) with one opposed.

6. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm (S. Hobson)

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Letourneau
Skinner West LSC Secretary