

**SKINNER WEST CLASSICAL, FINE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
November 10, 2020**



VISION: The Mark T. Skinner School's vision is to be the premier elementary School in metropolitan Chicago for educating special children (Special Education, Classical, and Neighborhood), and to serve as the outstanding model for all such schools.

LRE MANDATE: LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

I. SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- A. Small Group Faculty Meetings
- B. Assistant Principal Candidate Interviews with 6th & 7th Graders
- C. Table Top CPS Safety Drills
- D. Pre-K Parent Meeting-Proposed Re-Opening
- E. Special-Ed Cluster Parent Meeting- Proposed Re-Opening
- F. Expansion Committee Meeting
- G. No School- Election Day
- H. End of 1st Quarter- Nov. 5th
- I. School Improvement Day- No School Nov. 6th
- J. Professional Development
- K. Multi- Tiered System of Support Staff Meetings
- L. Remote Learning Plans Posted on Website- on Mondays
- M.E Newsletter
- N. LSC Candidates Literature Distributed via E Newsletter

II. PERSONNEL

- A. Assistant Principal Hire!

- **Congratulations to Dr. Jeffery Brown** for being selected as Skinner’s New Assistant Principal. Dr. Brown was the top choice among our teachers & staff, LSC and students! He is going through the CPS onboarding process and hopefully will be cleared to start at Skinner soon!

B. Medical Leave

- **Vernon Thomas**- Security
- **Julie Rzadzki Kendall**- Maternity Leave

C. Congratulations

- **Jeffery Merkin**- 2nd grade Teacher, Golden Apple Nominee

III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP

Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

- A.** We purchased **PE online curriculum** for remote learning for Ms. Westendorf & Mr. Johnson
- B. End of Quarter I**- Nov. 5th
- C. Report Cards**- Verified & sent for printing
- D. Remote Learning** – Many teachers are using the new Google feature of break- out rooms for small group collaboration
- E. Civics Activities**- Many thanks to our 8th graders for creating & developing their election projects. The projects were published in the newsletter. Many thanks to 8th grade teacher, **Ms. Zamiar** for encouraging and implementing the new Civics curriculum.

Support Area: Student Centered Learning

Support Area: School Leadership

- **Assistant Principal Selection**- Thank you Instructional Leadership Team, teachers, staff, LSC members and students for participating in the AP selection process.

Support Area: Professional Development

- All teachers and staff participated in professional development on Friday, Nov. 6. Topic: Serving Skinner’s English Language Learners Presented by our Teacher Ms. Amanda Lee and Network 6 Bilingual Coordinator

Kristy Patterson. Skinner has 71 students who are eligible for bilingual services.

Support Area: Parent & Community

A. LSC Candidates Statements- Thank you to our LSC candidates who shared their literature & statements via the enewsletter

B. Pre-K & Cluster Parents- Thank you for attending our meetings on re-opening plans.

IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER'S REPORT- No Report

V. LUNCHROOM

We are still distributing breakfast & lunch from 8:00-1:00 daily. Any family with children 18 and under can pick up the bagged breakfasts & lunches.

VI. BUDGET – No Requests

VII. HANDOUTS- None

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wed. Nov 18th Report Card Pick-Up- Times to Be Announced
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- **Wed. Nov. 18th LSC Election- More information to follow**
- **Wed. Nov 25- Fri. Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Break No School**