

**SKINNER WEST CLASSICAL, FINE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
September 15, 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. Teacher Candidate Interviews & Hiring
- B. LSC Organizational Meeting
- C. CPS Administrators Institute
- D. CPS Googlepalooza for Teachers & Staff
- E. Communications Committee Meetings
- F. Online Summer Registration PreK-8th
- G. Registration Materials Pickup and Drop Off
- H. Washington D.C. Refund Check Distribution
- I. Star Program Refund Check Distribution
- J. Chromebook Distribution To Parents
- K. PreK Supply Pickup
- L. 1st Grade Textbook Pickup
- M. Remote Learning Meet & Greet for Parents PreK-8th and Ancillary
- N. ESY Remote Summer School for Diverse Learning
- O. Curriculum Materials Review & Selection with Teachers
- P. Summer Professional Development for Teachers & Staff

Q. Enewsletter

R. Food Distribution Weeks 1&2

S. Remote Learning Templates Posted on Website- On Mondays

II. PERSONNEL

A. We say **goodbye** to:

- **Paul Howard**, Security
- **Rula Mansour**, Special Ed Teacher
- **Donna McSpadden**, Upper Grade Teacher Retirement
- **Teresa Glab**, School Psychologist
- **David Rodriguez**, Sodexo Custodian

B. We **welcome**:

- **Laura Bottorff**, PreK
- **Carmen McCanna**, Grade 2
- **Olivia Barnes**, Grade 4
- **Paul Hinterlong**, Grade 5
- **Nailah Ball**, Grade 5
- **Laura Florcyak**, Art

C. We **welcome back**:

- **Halyna Sendoun** 8th Grade, from maternity leave

D. **Maternity Leaves**:

- **Katie Daigle**, Grade 3 until Nov
- **Yamini Irvin**, Grade 6 until June 2021
- **Yasmin Dalal**, Grade 6 until June 2021
- **Ashley Wyper**, Grade 2 until June 2021

E. **Position Changes**:

- **Stephanie Travis-Brown**- Resource/SEL to 6th Grade
- **Jeffrey Merkin**- 1st Grade to 2nd
- **Sharon Rosenzweig**- 5th N to 4th Classical
- **Joseph Linke**- 5th to 7th Math
- **Julie Carlson**- 4th to 6th
- **Jenna Fisher**- 2nd to SEL/Resource
- **Alyssa Fredickson**- SEL/Counselor School wide Support

III. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP

Support Area: Quality Instructional Program

A. We purchased Curriculum Site Licenses and Textbooks

- Social Studies Curriculum- Discovery Education K-8
- ELA Grammar & Writing- No Red Ink 4-8
- Quaver Music- K-8
- Reading- Readers Writers Notebooks Grades 1-2
- Achieve 3000 Grades 2-8

B. Foreign Language Offerings for Neighborhood Classes:

- Spanish Grades 1,2,4,5,6,7,8th
- Mandarin- Grade 3

C. Neighborhood Students to Classical Program

Congratulations to our 4 neighborhood students who were accepted into the Classical Program!

D. Walking Math Groups- organized & started the first day of school

E. Congratulations to our Superstars who moved on to the Academic Center:

- Whitney Young - 24
- Kenwood - 2
- Lane Tech - 4
- Lindbloom - 2

Support Area: Student Centered Learning

- #### **A.** Our **enrollment** is approximately 1,180 students- a decrease of 41 students in June.
- #### **B. Debate Team-** Informational meetings will be starting soon
- #### **C. Chromebook Distribution-** We distributed approximately 450 chromebooks to Skinner families for the new school year. That totals 610 chromebooks distributed to Skinner Students & staff since March.
- #### **D. Mrs. Clark** conducted an orientation session with 8th Graders on Friday, September 11th.

Support Area: School Leadership

- A. **Principal Clark** attended CPS Administrators Institute, CPS Law Conference & Googlepalooza professional development this summer
- B. **Principal Clark** has started interviewing candidates for the assistant principal vacancy.

Support Area: Parent & Community

- A. **New Families-** We again would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Skinner families
- B. **Meet and Greet-** We would like to thank all of our families for attending our Meet and Greet sessions with our homeroom and ancillary teachers on September 3,4 and 8th to find out about remote learning expectations & schedules

Support Area: Professional Development

All Skinner Teachers & Staff participated in the following:

- CPS sponsored Googlepalooza classes
- Covid 19 Health Protocols
- New CPS Instructional Priorities

IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. **Branch Renovation-** is complete for the universal Prek classrooms
- B. Sodexo has announced repairs are scheduled for **Branch parking lot**
- C. Many thanks to our **custodial staff** for getting the building ready for the start of the school year
- D. New Facilities manager Sodexo- Ms. Sharon Buick

V. LUNCHROOM

Our lunchroom staff is preparing breakfast & lunch meals for Skinner families for pick-up. Distribution is 10am-1pm

VI. BUDGET – No Requests

VII. HANDOUTS- None

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS- None