

**Stone Scholastic Academy**  
**Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday, October 19, 2015**  
**At Stone Scholastic Academy, Auditorium**

**Present:** Meredith Glick, Tom McClurg,, Alija Kreho, Barb Onofrio, Asja Dizdarevic, Bernadette Moncher, Sana Ashfaq

**Public:** Jay Brandon, Sandra Azubuike

**Absent:** Vito Greco, Jennifer Wynne, Jennifer Trautvetter, Amela Sabanovic

**Packet Contents:** Agenda, Principal's Report, Budget status report, Internal Accounting Balance Sheet, Stone Academy Newsletter

Vice-Chairperson, Tom McClurg called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**Time Quorum established: 6:35pm**

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda, Tom McClurg motioned to approve the agenda, Meredith Glick seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Approval of minutes from 7/13/15 and 9/21/15. Vito Greco motioned to approve the minutes, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passes: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
4. Principal's Report:
  - Revenue generated from the FOSA sponsored Whole Foods was \$3784.42. Revenue from Marty's Martini Bar was \$383.
  - **Request and Vote:** T-mobile is offering us a contract to place telecommunications equipment at Stone. Stone will receive \$8,000 for the first 5 years, thereafter; Stone will receive a 20% increase for the following 5 years. Stone may not terminate the agreement for a minimum of four years from the date of commencement. Tom McClurg motioned to approve the T-mobile contract, Alija Kreho seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
  - Teacher observations have begun. Tenured teachers receiving a proficient or better rating will be observed twice per year and new teachers (3 years or less) will receive four observations. All teachers receive feedback from administration after the visit.

- On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Wengren, Mr. Melanis and Ms. Onofrio attended a professional development session with the World Champion Chicago Blackhawks! Actually, it is a program they sponsor related to health and fitness. This grant that we applied for and received will give us-free of charge, 2 hockey nets, 30 sticks and a hockey clinic for two classes (date to be determined). We will also receive a visit from a representative of the Blackhawks organization. This is related to STEM for grades from 4-8<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers participated in a PD session centering on physical education and how to give frequent movement breaks throughout the day. Abigail Sayegh from the Health and Wellness department (Healthy Foods) visited for a day and provided the training.
- The faculty and administration participated in a two evening Curriculum Night event. Parents were present to receive news on the State of the School address, then visited their child's classroom and learn more about the year's curriculum. Thank you for the tremendous support of our parents, as well as the attendance by our parent leaders.
- Our After School All Star program began on October 5<sup>th</sup> and runs Monday through Thursday for 20 weeks. Approximately 200 students are enrolled.
- The appeal to submit for keeping the 2 scheduled teacher and 2 ESP position cuts from special education is still being worked on. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last day to submit our appeal. We will be on time. Stone Academy's team day for special education is on a Monday. The team would like more time to review students' services and their IEPs. We are going to request 3 teachers (not just 2) and 2 paraprofessionals. We need a third teacher for a particular child's needs. Evaluations will be complete by the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, the appeal will be submitted by the 28<sup>th</sup>. Tom McClurg attended a Raise Your Hand parent meeting concerning special education cuts. Raise Your Hand has met with Forest Claypool regarding these concerns and submitted a letter to the Mayor.
- The Chicago Police were at Stone on September 28<sup>th</sup> and conducted a Lockdown Drill. Students followed the procedure correctly and the

drill was very successful. There will be another which will not be announced.

- Children were treated to a musical performance from Urban Gateways on October 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month. Thanks to FOSA for providing this art enrichment opportunity for our students.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is visiting the Minasian Brothers showroom in Evanston to learn more about the World Weaves project they are participating in this year. Thank you to the Minasians and Urban Gateways for this wonderful opportunity they are providing our Stone students at no cost to the school.
- Ms. Onofrio attended a meeting related to CPS budget and other concerns with Mr. Forrest Claypool and Chief Education Officer Janice Jackson on Thursday, October 15. This is also to provide parents a toolkit to talk to representatives in Springfield regarding cuts.
- Applications are currently on line for children wishing to attend Stone next year. The window is from October through December.
- After contacting our facilities manager, repairs were done to the outside sidewalk adjacent to the front of the building. Downtown paid for this work.
- On Wednesday, October 14, 2015 Stone administration hosted the first Quarterly Forum of the year. Topics included technology, current CPS events such as our Special Education appeal and the student uniform/dress code. I would like to investigate parental opinion related to changes to this policy and will bring it to the LSC for discussion. A parent survey could be administered during report card pickup regarding the uniforms. Uniform pros: limits concerns about gang colors, evens out socio economic status with childrens' clothing, and looks "neater." Cons of a dress code: affording the clothing itself (easier to buy any kind of second hand colored clothes), less time "policing" dress code infractions.

#### 5. Old Business:

- PPLC Update- there has not been a meeting yet due to conflicts in scheduling. Engagement committee will meet next month at 6pm.
- Charter school letter? Do we want to pursue this? We will push off until next month when more members are present.

6. New Business:

- Special Education cuts (see above)
- Custodians: we have had a half position cut at nights. This leaves us with 1.5 custodians at night and one custodian during the day. Ms. Onofrio has asked teachers to take pictures of classrooms that need more cleaning. Ms. Onofrio has a meeting with Aramark on Thursday every week to address these concerns.
- Change of teachers in grade 4. The replacement for Ms. Klusken is moving to another school. There will be a new teacher starting in her class. Ms. Klusken will return in February. Ms. Klusken has mapped out the curriculum for the entire year and she is helping the new teacher transition.
- Schedule for next month: we will meet on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30pm (6pm for engagement committee) Tom McClurg motioned to change the meeting date, Meredith Glick seconded the motion, the motion passed: 8 affirming, 0 abstentions, 0 against.

7. Public Participation: None

8. Build next meeting agenda:

- Include updates from the PPLC, PEC and Engagement Committees

9. Adjourn: Tom McClurg motioned to adjourn, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion, the motion passed: 8 affirming, 0 abstentions, 0 against. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.