

Stone Scholastic Academy
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting
Held on Monday, July 20, 2015
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Auditorium

Present: Vito Greco, Meredith Glick, Tom McClurg, Jennifer Wynne, Alija Kreho, Barb Onofrio, Asja Dizdarevic, Bernadette Moncher, Amela Sabanovic, Jennifer Trautvetter

Public: See sign in sheet

Absent: Susan Martin

Packet Contents: Agenda, Principal's Report, Budget status report, Internal Accounting Balance Sheet, Statement of Economic Interests (2015)

Chairperson, Vito Greco, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Time Quorum established: 6:30pm

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda, Bernadette Moncher motioned to approve the agenda, Vito Greco seconded the motion. The motion passed: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Public Participation regarding the new 7:30am start time:
 - Ms. Onofrio tried contacting CPS regarding the hardship that this would create at Stone. She also reached out to Decatur (they share our bus route) to discuss their feelings on the matter. Ms. Onofrio believes that this would have a negative effect on our school: not just the students, but also the parents who might withdraw from Stone and lower our enrollment. 17 schools citywide are moving their start time earlier.
 - Senn and Jackson Language Academy are also changing start times
 - Is it possible for a magnet school to have a later start time because we share bus routes with neighborhood schools?
 - What other options are there? Alderman is not willing to change the time because we do bus so many students
 - Could we contact other schools and network with those affected?
 - A parent mentioned that their daughter spends 1-1 ½ hours on the bus each way; will the ride be even longer now?
 - What about safety concerns: riding the bus in the morning while it is still dark?

- Will potential tardiness increase and therefore some children will fall behind?
- Studies show that all children do better academically at later start times, not just high school age children.
- Are there other schools that have moved their start time early and saw negative academic performance correlations?
- What can parents do to help this process and put pressure on CPS?
- Drafting a list of some questions as well as some solutions for an in-person meeting might be a next step.

Public Participation concluded at 7:25pm

4. Principal's Report:

- FOSA raised 24k from the jog-a-thon.
- **Request and vote:** FOSA will be transferring \$300/month for maintenance on our Stone website (\$3,000 annually) Vito Greco motioned to approve the funds transfer, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion, the motion passed: 9 affirming, 1 abstention, and 0 against.
- **Request and vote:** Public Allies, an AmeriCorps group, will become our technology support. FOSA will be transferring \$15k to Public Allies and they will match the 15k as well as add another 15k from private donations. This support will be in the form of instruction for 4 days a week. Vito Greco motioned to approve fund transfer, Meredith Glick seconded the motion, the motion passed: 9 affirming, 1 abstention, 0 against.
- **Request and vote:** FOSA plans to kick off their annual fund by 9/8/15. Fundraisers include: Marty's Martini Bar on 10/4/15 (100% of profits go to Stone), Raven theater silent auction on 2/1/16, and Manna gift cards. Vito Greco motioned to approve fundraisers, Jennifer Wynne seconded the motion, the motion passed: 10 affirming, 0 abstentions, 0 against.
- New math books are in for all grades except 7th

5. Budget:

- Budget supports goals in the CIWP. Some of those priorities include literacy, math, diverse learners, ESL and fine arts.
- Positions that will be maintained are as follows: 20 classroom teachers, 8 specialist teachers, 6 special ed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, 1 lead literacy, 1 counselor/case manager, 1 classroom assistant for kindergarten, 1 school clerk, 1 security guard, 1 assistant principal and 1 principal. Position updates include: adding a new gym teacher due to the increase in P.E. hours (150minutes), 2 retired teachers supporting R and I, Instructional aide for primary classes, partnership with Public Allies
- Non-personnel budget costs total \$180k. A contingency allocation could be used for raises for teachers

- **Vote for budget approval:** Vito Greco motioned to approve, Meredith Glick seconded the motion, the motion passed: 9 affirming, 1 abstention, and 0 against.
6. Adjourn: Vito Greco motioned to adjourn, Jennifer Wynne seconded the motion, the motion passed: 10 affirming, 0 abstentions, 0 against.