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**Stone Scholastic Academy  
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting  
Held on Monday, January 22, 2018  
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Room 101**

**Present:** Barb Onofrio, Bernadette Moncher, Jennifer Wynne, Jennifer Trautvetter, Vito Greco, Olga Estrada, Kristen Huffman-Gottschling, Jennifer Jeffris, Paula Baldocchi (remote)

**Public:** Arjumund Orellana

**Absent:** Michael Kurtz, Meredith Glick

**Packet Contents:** Agenda, Principal's Report, Internal Accounting Balance Sheets, Stone Academy Newsletter, Funds Summary, Principal Selection Process

Chairperson, Jennifer Trautvetter, called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda: Chair added item for approving CPS School Performance Ratings to agenda. Vito Greco motioned to approve the agenda, Jennifer Jeffris seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Approval of minutes from November, 2017. Bernadette Moncher motioned to approve the minutes, Kristen Huffman-Gottschling seconded the motion. The motion passes: 7 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining.
4. Council considered allowing Paula Baldocchi, LSC Techer's representative, the ability to join the meeting and vote remotely – due to extended leave for illness.
  - a. **Principal Onofrio motioned to approve; Jennifer Jeffris, seconded; the council voted unanimously to allow this during her recovery.**
5. **Request for Fundraising: FOSA sponsored Chipotle-50% of sales on Feb. 20, 2018, proceeds to support arts, curriculum, athletics. Chair motioned to approved fundraiser; Unanimously approved by council present (Baldocchi remotely).**
6. Principal's Report:
  - o Fundraising:
    - FOSA sponsored: Panera food sales on November 2, 2017, profit of \$156.03, Gift Cards (Nov & Dec) \$424.17, Lynch Creek Farms \$389.

- School Sponsored Tuition Based program earnings: Color Me Kids (\$84), Music House (\$1000), Chess (\$143), Judo (\$247) funding placed in Internal Accounts to support Fine Arts
  - School Sponsored Holiday DVD's: \$760 into IA to support Technology
  - FOSA won a \$10,000 grant for Art Enrichment through the Creative Schools Fund.
- Staff/Testing:
  - Ms. Baldocchi is on an extended leave of absence. Ms. Sobotka is providing instruction. Ms. Silcock has obtained her Special Education degree and has joined our staff.
  - Students in grades 1(math) and 2-8 will complete MAP testing by Friday, 1/26.
  - Access testing has begun and will be completed by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Professional Development:
  - Ms. Onofrio and Mr. Brandon attended the Principal/AP Network meeting in November and December.
  - Ms. Sanchez, Demonte, Hagy, Karic, Scotese, along with Mr. Brandon and Patock attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of CPS summits-centered around STEM, LA/Humanities. Information will be shared with the entire staff on Feb. 2-staff development day.
  - School sponsored Co-Teaching book study is now being held every Tuesday in January with new Special Education teachers. The school is also sending all new sped teachers to a co-teaching workshop in early February.
  - Ms. Onofrio attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the special education cohort through the SpEd department and the Network.
  - Teacher observations are on-going by administration.
  - This is a CIWP year. The initial training for school administrators, originally scheduled for Jan. 22, has been postponed. I am awaiting the announcement of a new date.
- Internal Communications:
  - PPLC and BHT reports to follow this report.
  - Teachers met and discussed student needs related to MTSS. This is a normal part of our cyclic principal directed meetings each week. Change will take effect 2<sup>nd</sup> semester-Feb.
- School programs:
  - We submitted an application for funding due to the Mayor's expansion of the Out of School Time program. I am pleased to

say we were awarded \$11,837.98 and will begin the program on February 20.

- Ms. Onofrio attended a luncheon held at Alderman Silverstein's office in December with the other principals in Network 2.
- Principal held a Parent Forum session on January 17th. Thanks to those in attendance.
- Over 100 students were seen by the vision specialists earlier this month.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade African Dance residency has begun.
- Student Culture:
  - Our school play will be held on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> this year, performances in the evening.
  - School carnival (PTA) will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening.
  - Students in grades 7 & 8 attended an assembly on Jan. 16 centering on overcoming challenges and how to interact with those who are holding you back. Motivational speaker Lloyd Bachrach presented. Despite being born with a congenital bone deficiency which left his legs unusually small, Mr. Bachrach overcame many hurdles in life as he competed against able bodied athletes. In 1996 he competed on the USA Paralympic sit volleyball squad. He is an avid downhill mono-skier and a certified SCUBA diver.
  - Students in grades K-2 attended a school assembly sponsored by Ronald McDonald centering on friendship (Jan 18).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students performed their play sponsored by the Raven residency for parents on Dec. 21. It was adorable!
- Graduation: Because of three 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, it was suggested we host the graduation at Northside Prep. Principal Onofrio asked for LSC input. LSC discussed getting parent and student input into decision. Weighed pros and cons of keeping it at Stone or hosting remotely. No decision made as of yet.
- PPLC/BHT Meeting Reports:
  - PPLC Committee discussed CIWP planning and new process; They discussed a focus on Social-Emotional curriculum. There was discussion of Professional Development planning, teacher's summit, quality assessment and grading. Reviewed MTSS data and broke into grade-level meetings. Planning around the Awards Assembling on march 2<sup>nd</sup> and graduation.
  - BHT: Pat Sorveno attended; discussed MTSS planning.

- Engagement Committee: Nothing to report
- Principal Selection Committee
  - Vito Greco is chairing this committee. He shared an outline of the proposed principal selection process. Stressed that there are key milestones required by rules governing LSC, but that there is flexibility in the selection approach.
  - Discussed timeline: Because the principal will resign after the end of the school year, we will not have to meet the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for a selection decision. We have, instead, 90 days after the position is vacated. However, the council agreed that the goal would be to follow the proposed timeline and complete selection by the final meeting of this council in June, 2018.
  - Principal Onofrio confirmed she will formally submit her notice before our next meeting in Feb, when we will vote on the advertisement for the position.
  - Committee includes Vito Greco (Chair), Jennifer Wynne, Michael Kurtz, Bernadette Moncher and Jennifer Trautvetter. We agreed to hold our first meeting on **Monday, Jan 29, 2018 at 6:30 PM**, via telephone. Vito will send an invite and call-in number.
  - We agreed that we should vote for this process and keep to the key milestones where voting of the full council is required. Otherwise, the process proposed will serve as a guide that can be changed, as needed.
  - **Vote for the process: Vito Greco motioned for a vote to approve; seconded by Jennifer Trautvetter; (9) In Favor, (0) Against, (1) Abstention.**
- Old Business:
  - The Chair brought to our attention the requirement that the council vote for the School Performance Ratings associated with the Principal's Performance Ratings for the 2016-2017 SY.
  - It was assumed these were produced late and, hence, finalizing the 2016-2017 principal evaluation was delayed. A final vote and approval of final ratings is due by March 31, 2018.
  - School Performance rating was 3.70, giving Principal Onofrio a "Distinguished" evaluation on School Performance.
  - **Vote to approve final School Performance Ratings: unanimously approved.**
- New Business: NONE
- Public Comments: NONE
- **Chair motioned to adjourn; Vito Greco seconded motion; unanimously approved.**