

**Stone Scholastic Academy
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Room 101**

Present: Barb Onofrio, Bernadette Moncher, Jennifer Wynne, Jennifer Trautvetter, Vito Greco, Olga Estrada, Kristen Huffman-Gottschling, Mike Kurtz, Paula Baldocchi-remote

Public: Arjumund Orellana, Aimee Flaks, Alija Kreho

Absent: Meredith Glick, Jennifer Jeffris, Paula Baldocchi

Packet Contents: Agenda, Principal's Report, Internal Accounting Balance Sheets, Stone Academy Newsletter, Funds Summary, Draft Principal Placement Advertisement, Retirement Letter of Ms. Onofrio

Chairperson, Jennifer Trautvetter, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Time Quorum established: 6:32pm

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Trautvetter motioned to approve the agenda, Ms. Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Approval of minutes from January 22, 2018. Mr. Greco motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passes: 7 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining.
4. Ms. Onofrio announced her retirement, effective August 2018, to the LSC. Ms. Wynne read a brief statement provided by Ms. Onofrio on Ms. Onofrio's behalf.
5. Mr. Eduardo Cesario, Network Chief for CPS Network 2, gave a short presentation in appreciation of Ms. Onofrio's work as Principal, the role of the LSC and Network staff in the principal selection process, and the resources and timelines relevant to the Principal Selection Committee. A discussion was had between Ms. Huffman-Gottschling and Mr. Cesario regarding Network policy for principal evaluations of outgoing principals.
6. Principal's Report:
 - o Fundraising:
 - Ms. Onofrio requested approval of three upcoming fundraisers:
 - El Carrito, 3/22/18, 25% of proceeds;
 - Potbelly's, 4/18/18, 25% of proceeds;
 - George's, 4/18/18, 25% of proceeds.

- Ms. Moncher motioned to approve the proposed fundraisers, Mr. Greco seconded. The motion passes: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
- Staff/Testing:
 - Ms. Christina Maino was added to faculty as a Special Education teacher.
- Professional Development:
 - Ms. Onofrio and Mr. Brandon attended the Principal/AP Network meetings in January and February.
 - Mses. Sanchez, Demonte, Hagy, Karic, Scotese, along with Mr. Brandon and Mr. Patock shared with the full staff content learned at the 2nd session of CPS summits-centered around STEM, LA/Humanities. These teacher will attend a 3rd session later in March.
 - Ms. Anne Beninghoff led a Co-Teaching Workshop in early February, supporting the current Co-Teaching book study. The session was attended by Ms. Norkett, Ms. Leverentz, Ms. Giogio, Ms. Silcock and Ms. Rubinoff. Ms. Powers attended as a General Education teacher.
 - Ms. Onofrio attended the 3rd session of the special education cohort through the SpEd department and the Network.
 - Teacher observations are on-going by administration and are on-track.
 - This is a CIWP year. Mses. Onofrio and Karic, along with Mr. Brandon attended the 3 hour training session. The format is the same as in previous years. Meetings are planned to work on this development and will be advertised.
 - The Network visited Stone and did their CAPE (Curriculum, Assessment, Practice, Exploration) visit on Feb. 28th. Mses. Wynne, Karic and Sanchez, along with Mr. Brandon and Ms. Onofrio participated in the activity. Classroom visitations centered on what we are doing in reading and math.
- Internal Communications:
 - PPLC and BHT reports to follow this report.
 - Our 8th grade residency (MEMA) began on February 5th.
- School programs:
 - The after school program began on February 20. Over 200 students are enrolled.

- Ms. Onofrio held a Leadership meeting (LSC, PTA, FOSA representatives) on February 16th and thanked those in attendance.
 - The Raven Theater event was held on Sunday, February 11th, along with the Stone Auction. We are awaiting results.
 - Our LSC Candidate Forum was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm.
 - A colloquy was had regarding scheduling. Ms. Moncher moved that the Candidate Forum be scheduled and approved for March 19th at 6:30 pm, and Ms. Huffman-Gottscling seconded. The motion passes: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
 - The LSC needs to agree on a date to certify the LSC election results. Ms. Trautvetter moved that the LSC meeting schedule be adjusted such that the currently-scheduled meeting of 3/19/18 be moved to 4/2/18 and the currently scheduled meeting of 4/16/18 be moved to 4/23/18; certification to be voted on during the 4/23/18 meeting. Ms. Wynne seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
- Student Culture:
 - Our school play was held on Feb. 15th and 16th this year. These two nights were sold out. Our gratitude to Mr. Faille, Ms. Perry and parent Mrs. Falkner. Thank you students for your outstanding performances.
 - PTA School carnival was held on February 23rd, rescheduled from February 9th due to a snow day, and was well attended.
 - Thank you for the charming performance by our 3rd grade students performing dances reflecting the Harlem Renaissance. 7th grade students demonstrated their mastery of various African dances learned in their Urban Gateways residency. Both programs were sponsored by FOSA.
 - Awards assembly recognizing student achievement for the first semester will be held on Friday, March 2nd in the morning.
- PPLC/BHT Meeting Reports:
 - The PPLC report was provided by Mr. Brandon:
 - The prior PPLC meeting focused on using the School Excellence Framework (SEF) to rate the school for CIWP priorities.
 - The next steps for the PPLC are discussion, problem analysis and determination of concrete steps to for CIWP development.

- Principal Evaluation Committee: Ms. Jeffris, Ms. Estrada, Mr. Greco and Ms. Huffman-Gottschling were appointed to the Principal Evaluation Committee.
- Old Business: None.
- New Business:
 - Mr. Greco gave a report regarding the Principal Selection Committee regarding LSC deadlines/requirements.
 - A draft placement advertisement was presented to the LSC. Mr. Greco moved that the advertisement be approved with one grammatical correction. Ms. Huffman-Gottschling seconded. The motion passes: 8 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
 - A discussion was had regarding the appropriateness and efficacy of forming an online group for greater LSC participation in the PSC process. The matter was tabled.
- Executive Session on Personnel:
 - Mr. Greco motioned to have public and staff excused for an executive session of the LSC. Ms. Estrada seconded. The motion passes: 8 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
 - However, prior to convening the executive session, it was decided that an executive session was unnecessary and the session was canceled.
- Public Comments:
 - Question (by Ms. Orellana) regarding parent representatives on the PSC. Ms. Trautvetter responded that the PSC will reach out to both FOSA and PTA regarding engagement with the PSC; Ms. Wynne will be engaging with teachers regarding involvement with the PSC.
 - Statement (by Mr. James Brandon) congratulating Ms. Onofrio on her impending retirement and past service to the school. Ms. Trautvetter echoed those sentiments and thanked Ms. Onofrio for her work.
 - Statement (by Ms. Flaks) that a collaboration between FOSA and other school organizations to hold an event to honor Ms. Onofrio would be appropriate. Ms. Trautvetter agreed and stated that the LSC would investigate.
- The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:27 pm.