

**Stone Scholastic Academy  
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting  
Held on Monday, June 19, 2017  
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Room 101**

**Present:** Jennifer Jeffris, Barb Onofrio, Bernadette Moncher, Meredith Glick, Michael Kurtz, Stella Phelps, Tom McClurg, Olga Estrada, Jennifer Wynne

**Public:** Jay Brandon

**Absent:** Vito Greco, Tom McClurg, Jennifer Trautvetter

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

Acting Chairperson, Michael Kurtz, called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

**Time Quorum established: 6:37pm**

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda, Michael Kurtz motioned to approve the agenda, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passed: votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining (Jennifer Wynne was absent).
3. Approval of minutes from April of 2017. Michael Kurtz motioned to approve the minutes, Meredith Glick seconded the motion. The motion passes: 7 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining (Jennifer Wynne was absent).
4. Approval of closed session meeting on April 17, 2017. Michael Kurtz motioned to approve the agenda, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining
5. Reports
  - a. Principal's Report:
    - Results from the FOSA fundraiser: (Potbelly's) on May 3, 2017 was \$261.75; \$24,661.25 from the Jog-a-Thon, \$70.31 from Manna Gift Cards and \$21,336.15 from Raven Auction, which will go to support arts, curriculum and athletics. PTA spring book fair generated \$3217.02 in scholastic dollars that was used towards replenishing classroom libraries.

**Request approval for the following FOSA fundraisers:**

- Stone Annual Fund: July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
- Candelite restaurant fundraiser: Sunday, September 17, 2017, 15% of sales donated

- Marty's Martini Bar restaurant fundraiser: Sunday, October 8, 2017, 100% of proceeds donated
- Lynch Creek Farm fundraiser: Wednesday, November 1- Friday, December 22, 20% of sales donated
- Improv Tonight fundraiser at Bughouse Theater: Saturday, November 4, 2017, 7-9 pm. Portion of ticket sales donated.
- Hogwash (Children's Improv Show) fundraiser at Bughouse Theater: Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10 – 11:30 am. Portion of ticket sales donated.
- 10th Annual Raven Theatre Play fundraiser: Sunday, February 11, 2018. Chicago Premiere of "Nice Girl" by Melissa Ross, directed by Lauren Shouse. 100% of tickets sales donated.
- 10th Annual Stone Academy Auction: Sunday, February 4 - Monday, February 12, 2018
- 9th Annual Stone Jog-A-Thon: Friday, May 4, 2018
- Gift Cards For Kids (Scrip) fundraiser (order dates):
  - - Friday, Nov 10, 2017
  - - Monday, Dec 11, 2017
  - - Friday, Mar 16, 2018
  - - Friday, May 25, 2018
- **Vote: Michael Kurtz motioned to approve the fundraisers, Stella Phelps seconded the motion. The motion passes: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining**
- We received the results from the 5 Essentials. Stone has improved in every area, and we reached our highest status to date of Well Organized. I am very pleased with the outcome, and will continue to work towards even greater improvement. Many areas improved including ambitious instruction, effective leaders, collaborative teachers, and involved families.
- Mr. Brandon and Ms. Onofrio attended the monthly P/AP meeting, which was held at Sullivan High School. Building a lot more teacher training including extended day training and looking at discipline measures under the constraints of CPS.

- Six staff members were sent to a behavioral/discipline/classroom management training which centered on “Champs” training. Staff came back expressing their views that this would be beneficial to others in the school and I have arranged for the network to come in and train additional staff on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Attendees will be paid for their participation (5 hour workshop). We will also follow up with providing time in the beginning of next year to collaborate and plan for implementation.
- Jennifer Wynne has been working on curriculum and trying to get things horizontally aligned. This way teachers meet in teams and Ms. Karic and Ms. Sanchez work on the vertical piece of curriculum.
- Teacher and career service evaluations are complete.
- Union vote was taken for next year with the result of staff voting to give up one day at the end of the year to provide for professional development over the course of the year.
- Only one student is required to attend summer school, and that is for ESL services.
- Graduation was held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. All students successfully passed 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Next year, we will have 2 classes of Algebra plus and 2 classes of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra. This is tentative until I receive the budget and am sure we can do this. Next year, we will have 3 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.
- Ms. Brotman has been working with the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and room parents regarding information around GoCPS, the new high school application process. She will continue with this responsibility.
- I have met with Ms. Brotman and we outlined her new job responsibilities in her upcoming role as counselor. As you are aware, her responsibilities and job duties are changing somewhat, but not completely. She has also received additional planning time to develop her program.

- Our Parent Forum was held on Wednesday, May 24th. A result from this session we have created a list of educational resources and activities in the city parents can engage in with their children over the summer. This was sent via constant contact and is posted on the website.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Paula Baldocchi who has been elected the new teacher representative to the LSC, filling the vacancy left by Ms. Martin's departure.
- Thank you to Vito, Stella and Jen T. for their work in organizing the parent volunteer breakfast.
- Heritage Assembly was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Faille and all students who participated in this festive celebration.
- Please take out your calendars to set a date for the LSC Annual Organizational meeting which must occur between July 1 and July 14

ILT: Schedule for the first week back in school. The CHAMPS training was good for supporting new teachers and better classroom management. Magnet work and curriculum alignment were also discussed.

- b. PPLC meeting : Mr. Brandon attended and reports working on the CIWP, the math and reading approaches, the adjustments made on the CIWP given that PD days were less than expected.
  - c. Engagement Meeting: there will be parents continuing the PTA (some new and some veteran parents), but lots of enthusiasm. Picnic was a lot of fun, good attendance
  - d. Principal Evaluation Committee: the evaluation was given to Ms. Onofrio
6. Old Business: None
  7. New Business: Stella Phelps recommended putting teachers photos on the website to help parents identify staff
  8. Public Participation/Comment: None
  9. Build next meeting's agenda: Organizational meeting **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**
  10. Adjourn  
Michael Kurtz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passed: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining. Meeting adjourned 7:20pm.