

**Stone Scholastic Academy
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting
Held on Monday, September 18, 2017
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Room 101**

Present: Meredith Glick, Barb Onofrio, Bernadette Moncher, Jennifer Wynne, Jennifer Trautvetter, Jennifer Jeffris, Michael Kurtz (late a few minutes, missed the minute and agenda approval), Stella Phelps, Olga Estrada, Paula Baldocchi

Public: Jay Brandon

Absent: Vito Greco

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

Chairperson, Jennifer Trautvetter, called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Time Quorum established: 6:40pm

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda, Jennifer Trautvetter motioned to approve the agenda, Jennifer Wynn seconded the motion. The motion passed: 9 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Approval of minutes from June 19, 2018. Jennifer Trautvetter motioned to approve the minutes, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passes: 9 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2018 Bernadette Moncher motioned to approve the minutes, Olga Estrada seconded the motion. The motion passes: 8 votes affirming, 0 against, 1 abstaining (Meredith Glick was absent for that meeting). Motion to approve Paula Baldocchi as part of the LSC as a teacher, Jennifer Wynne motioned to approve Paula, Stella Phelps seconded the motion. The motion passes: 9 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
4. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report:

Fundraiser approval:

1. **School pictures**-sponsored by J. Brandon, proceeds to go into the general fund to support building improvements-25% of sales on September 21;
2. **Fine Arts department** sponsor of school play-ticket sales proceeds to benefit the Fine Arts department (\$5 adult/\$2 children) on February 15 & 16, 2018;

3. **PTA** sponsored Book Fair-November 13-17 (Scholastic) proceeds to be applied to teacher classroom libraries; FOSA sponsored Lynch Creek previously approved, requests we move up the start date from November 1 to October 1st.

Vote: Approval of Fundraisers described above: Bernadette Moncher motioned to approve the fundraisers, Jennifer Jeffris seconded the motion. The motion passes: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Request for Transfer of Funds:

1. From cell tower money: \$8000 from line 124-57915-253201-000388 into appropriate lines for salary to cover supervision for fall after school programming.
2. From FOSA-Internal Accounts: \$3000 for substitute service into science substitute line to cover substitute coverage for 6th grade White Pines trip.

Vote: Approval of Transfer of Funds described above: Jennifer Jeffris motioned to approve the fundraisers, Meredith Glick seconded the motion. The motion passes: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Transfers done, previously reported to LSC via e-mail:

1. From Internal Accounts (general) to: 124-54405-254501-002239 \$2038.18 to support installation of a phone for the counselor. Funds are now in 108.
- Testing: Currently, students are being assessed through TRC/Dibels (K-2 literacy), the Home Language Survey (to determine ESL services), and MAP testing-which will begin on 9/18 (use for MTSS or intervention services).
 - On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, I was contacted by the Chicago Police Department who informed me of a safety concern in our neighborhood. They responded to a call of "shots fired." Although this did not happen on school grounds, as a precaution, students were kept inside during recess. All parents were notified via written correspondence of the event. There has also been an increase in graffiti and some of the padding by the swings has been ripped up.
 - The beginning professional development sessions occurred the first week for teachers and staff. Several topics were covered: Champs-a new management

system which is being implemented school-wide. Several staff members participated in training from the Network earlier this year, and then brought it back to the full school. Teachers had a chance to work in grade level bands to discuss and come to consensus on fine tuning the plan for their level. It is very clear cut rules for the classroom (i.e. how children may or may not move out of their seat or talk with other students).

- Mr. Melanis, Jenson, Brandon and Ms. Onofrio met with a representative from the American Heart Association. We will be partnering with them to incorporate more healthy heart information into our health curriculum.
- Ms. Esme is on a Leave of Absence. We are temporarily suspending library classes. Students in grades K-5 will participate in either and extra art, music or Spanish class until her return. Upper grades will have advisory period which will be explained later. Ms. Silcock is helping with assistance in the library and in other classrooms. She will also be part of the special education team.
- Welcome to Ms. Maria Giorgi who has joined our Special Education department and to Elizabeth Gant who joins our Tuition Based after School program.
- Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Erin Antonyzn in our Special Education department. Mrs. Antonyzn couldn't pass up an opportunity to join the faculty where her children attend. Thank you for your service these past years. We will be welcoming Ms. Norkett, who will join our faculty on Monday, September 18th. She is from Coonley as an aide and will be working with the primary grades.
- Ms. Brotman has begun to fulfill her new responsibilities under the redefined counselor position. We have implemented a new program this year, advisory for upper grade students. Classroom teachers meet with children and discuss topics under the 2nd Step Curriculum, are exposed to High School and Career readiness under the Naviance program, and later will receive more individualized help related to high school selection/enrollment. Ms. Brotman is assisting with all these issues.
- Administration held a student assembly around the Student Code of Conduct for all students in grades 4-8 on Thursday, September 7th.
- Met with PTA to discuss the vision of the organization and moving forward at Stone. Established dates for social activities throughout the year. There is

talk of being a PTO which is a non profit and does not have a fee for parents. It will not be part of the national organization of the PTA.

- Enrollment is on track, slightly above the 624 projection.
- New Family Orientation was held on Friday, September 1. This event provided an opportunity to those new to Stone to tour the school, meet teachers and other classmates. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this event.
- PTA sponsored picnic on Friday, September 15th. Nice weather!
- School sponsored curriculum night on Wednesday, September 20th. Ms. Onofrio and Mr. Brandon are providing dinner (at own expense) to entire staff prior to evening event. Event time is 6:00-8:00. Three sessions will be provided for convenience of parents having multiple children. The State of the School address will be rescheduled for a later time.
- Regrettably, Tom McClurg has submitted his resignation from the LSC as a Community rep. We are now looking to fill this position.
- Thank you to both parents and staff who helped improve the look of our school! Parent volunteers Brenna D'Ambrosio, Jenny Yee, Christina Meallet, Annie Driver, Suzanne Budak, and Sayonara Moreia painted several primary classrooms, while Rebeca Viquez and Michelle Cancel did a marvelous job in other classrooms and common areas. Thank you to all for your hard work.
- PTA sponsored "Back to School" assemblies for all students: The Puppet Place: Hansel and Gretel for grades K-4, the History of Rock and Roll for grades 5-8. Thank you, PTA.
- Congratulations and thank you to the following staff members who have gone above and beyond expectations. These teachers have written at had funded one or more grants that benefit our children:
 - Mrs. Jane Powers: Value: \$481
 - Mrs. Marti McMaster: Value \$762
 - Mrs. Mena Pfest: Value \$492
 - Mrs. Mary Williams: Value: \$333
 - Mrs. Jennifer Klusken: Value: \$1051

- Ms. Jennifer Wynne: Value: \$1341
- Mrs. Sandy Hagy: Value: \$550
- Mrs. Gina Demonte: Value \$500
- Mrs. Kris Beck: Value: \$260: also completed summer fellowship at Northwestern
- Ms. Jamie Perry: Value: \$328

5. Reports (continued)

- b. ILT: Jennifer Wynne
- c. PPLC: Jennifer Wynne reported on the packet of rules as to how to select a committee. They first take nominations and then vote. It will be 9-11 members.
- d. Engagement Committee: What would be some ideas to involve parents? Nights for Arabic speakers or Spanish speakers? How to navigate Parent Portal sign up: adult learning technology night and Internet Safety and how to access homework. Cultural Sensitivity training, making sure we have non-meat items. Immigration concerns.
- e. PEC: No report

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

8. Public Participation/Comment: None

9. Build next meetings agenda: Jennifer Trautvetter will not be at the October 16th meeting.

10. Adjourn: Jennifer Wynne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bernadette Moncher seconded the motion. The motion passed: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining. Meeting Adjourned