

Stone Scholastic Academy
Minutes of the Local School Council Meeting
Held on Monday, September 17, 2018
At Stone Scholastic Academy, Room 101

Present: Jay Brandon, Jennifer Trautvetter, Michael Kurtz, Michelle Douglas, Joseph Burton, Jason Driver, Seol Moon, Jamie Perry, Kristin Huffman-Gottschling, Olga Estrada and Bernadette Moncher (late a few minutes, missed the minutes and agenda approval),

Public: Kate Nestler, Renee Karic, and Sanhita Sinha Roy

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 6:33pm.

Time Quorum established: 6:33pm

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Approval of Agenda, Michael Kurtz motioned to approve the agenda, Jason Driver seconded the motion. The motion passed: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining
3. Approval of minutes from July 2, 2018. Jason Driver motioned to approve the minutes, Kristin Huffman-Gottschling seconded the motion. The motion passes: 10 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
4. Reports
 - Principal's report:

Competency A: Champions Teacher and Staff Excellence through a Focus on Continuous Improvement to Develop and Achieve the Vision of High Expectations for All Students:

- **Fundraiser Approvals**

- School pictures- sponsored by K. Nestler, proceeds in the general fund to support building improvement- 25% of sales on September 20.
- PTA sponsored Stone Gear- proceeds to be used for teacher appreciation and PTA events- 10% of profits from sales starting September 18, 2018-September 26, 2018.
- FOSA Sponsored Annual Fund- proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support and curriculum. Annual Fund runs July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019.

- FOSA Sponsored Lynch Creek Farms- 20% of sales October 1, 2018-December 16, 2018; proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support and curriculum.
- FOSA Sponsored Gift Cards for Kids- percentage of sales varies; September 28, 2018; November 9, 2018; December 7, 2018; January 31, 2019; March 1, 2019; April 5, 2019; May 1, 2019; June 5, 2019. Proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support, and curriculum.
- FOSA Sponsored Hogwash: Children’s Show at Bug House Theater- 100% of ticket sales on September 29, 2018. Proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support and curriculum.
- FOSA Sponsored El Carrito Restaurant- 25% of Dine In or Carryout sales, 4pm-9pm on September 27, 2018. Proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support and curriculum.
- FOSA Sponsored Marty’s Restaurant- 100% of sales, October 11, 2018. Proceeds to be applied to arts, athletics, technology support and curriculum.

Vote: Approval of Fundraisers described above: Joseph Burton motioned to approve the fundraisers, Jason Driver seconded the motion. The motion passes: 11 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

- **Request for Transfer Funds**

- From Other Instruction Purposes – Miscellaneous 115-57940-119035-576 \$6,221 to 115 51300 290001 576 Regular Position Pointer to clear a negative.
- From Internal Accounts \$13,286.00 from account #26105 to pay for BMA and Impact copying contracts.
- From FOSA Internal Accounts: \$3000 for substitute service in science substitute line for 6th grade White Pines trip.

Vote: Approval of Transfer of Funds described above: Bernadette Moncher motioned to approve the fundraisers; Kristin Huffman-Gottschling seconded the motion. The motion passes: 11 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

- Assessment: K-2 students are completing TRC/DIBELS, screening for students who speak a language other than English to determine ESL services, and MAP testing for students in grades 3-8.
- Safety Drills: n Thursday, 9/14 the school completed a bus evacuation drill in compliance Illinois School Safety Drill Act.

Competency B: Creates Powerful Professional Learning Systems to Guarantee Learning for all Students

- Ms. Nestler has taken over as Assistant Principal after a small committee of teachers and Ms. Onofrio assisted Mr. Brandon with the selection process. Stone is lucky to welcome such a talented and experienced administrator.
- CPS CEO Dr. Janice Jackson visited Stone the second day of school and reported she was very pleased with how students were learning routines and positive behavioral expectations.
- Ms. Nestler and Mr. Brandon attended a two leadership institute for all CPS administrators, the CPS Law Conference, a Network 2 Back to School Bash at Mather High school, A CPS Administrator Summit, and A Network 2 P/AP meeting.
- Teachers reported back to school on August 27 and participated in professional development activities designed to help coordinate preparations for the school year and link professional learning to our CIWP. Topics covered included: Amplify Science (our new Science program in K-5), Advisory for 6-8 students, Behavior and team building techniques for classrooms, data review from SY18, and co-teaching planning for SY19.
- Teachers also reviewed a revised staff handbook that includes updated information from the CPS Law Department, REACH evaluation process, and Chronic Conditions training. All Stone staff members participated in training designed for mandated reporters, with a focus on professional boundaries and keeping children safe.
- Ms. Demonte will be going on leave and a Temporarily Assigned Teacher (TAT) has been identified and staffed to take over her class. Her name is Ms. Sophia and she has been collaborating with Ms. Demonte so the transition should be very smooth.
- We welcomed Ms. Courtade to our staff and she comes to us from Moos Elementary where she taught Special Education. She joins the kindergarten team and is teaching in room 104.
- Ms. Beck is on loan to the CPS CS4all team for SY19. This program promotes computer science. Ms. Chorba is the TAT for her position.
- Mr. Greer was transferred to Senn High School and was replaced by Mr. Roman. Mr. Roman is a podded engineer, meaning he splits his time between Goudy and Stone.
- Other staffing changes include: Ms. Ashfaq was hired as an additional teaching assistant for Kindergarten and First grade, Ms. Silcock has moved from intermediate Special Education to Second Grade, Ms. Gant has moved to Third grade from our Aftercare program, Ms. Wengren will work with Ms. Gant and she moved from Sixth Grade to

Third, Ms. Zemenides has moved back to Kindergarten, Ms. Scotese is now teaching Fourth grade Math and Science, and Ms. Wynne is now the Curriculum Coordinator.

Competency C: Builds a Culture Focused on College and Career Readiness

- KWOE returned to Stone to help kickoff our Advisory program. The Advisory team decided to use the event as a way to get kids excited about our new program. Students in grades 6-8 now meet in multi-grade groups called "Nests" (we are the Stone Eagles). Students will discuss important middle school issues, build community, and complete lessons on making good choices.
- On 9/12 administration, middle school and resource teachers held an assembly with all sixth through eighth grade students to review the expectations, the checklist system, and after school detention.

Competency D: Empowers and Motivates Families and the Community to Become Engaged

- The New Family Orientation was held on September 31st. This event provides an opportunity to welcome new families to our community. Parents and students learn more about the school and get to tour the building.
- At the time of this writing, enrollment is 623 and we have 5 more seats to fill.
- PTA back to school picnic was Friday, September 14th.
- Curriculum night is scheduled for Thursday, September 20th. There will be three sessions for parents with children in multiple grades. The evening will begin with a short welcome in the auditorium and there will be a Parent Organization Fair in the gym.
- Parent Forums have been planned and dates have been added to the school calendar. These forums are an open discussion between parents, faculty, and administration. The first forum will be Friday, October 5th at 8:15 in the auditorium.

Competency E: Relentlessly Pursues Self-Disciplined Thinking and Action

- The first school newsletter and an end of the first week of school communication have been sent home (copies are included in the packet).
- Mr. Brandon met with 34 staff members individually to hear their ideas about the school, learn about their professional ambitions, and answer questions from them.
- Coaches have been assigned "Thought Partners" to work with this year, focusing on improving professional practice. Thought partners were selected because they moved grades, are new to Stone, or requested they be part of the partnership. Mr. Brandon introduced the concept and teachers have met with their thought partner. Next, each pair will meet with Mr. Brandon to review goals. The focus is coaching, not evaluation.

B. PPLC:

- Updates: Seol Moon and Jamie Perry: Think Thru Math and New Science Curriculum
Olga : Impact System changing to Aspen System 1/2019

C. Committee Reports:

- Seol Moon to join Engagement Committee. The committee to focus on getting Non-English speaking families more involved in the Stone Community.
- Jamie Perry will join the Principal Evaluation Committee.

5. Old Business: All LSC members must complete online or in person education by 12/2018

6. New Business: Items acted upon

- Account Transfer
- Fundraisers

7. Public Participation/Comments: Ms. Nestler introduced herself as New Assistant Principal

8. Build next meeting's agenda for October 15, 2018, regular meeting

9. Adjourn: Michael Kurtz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jason Driver seconded the motion.
The motion passed: 11 votes affirming, 0 against, 0 abstaining. Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM.