

Newberry Academy of Math and Science

Local School Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	20 April 2015	Attendees:	Jasmine Alexander, Parent Rep Edward Collins, Assistant Principal Linda Foley, Principal Josh Greenberg, Teacher Rep Kara Kosloskus, Parent Chris McGuire, Parent Rep Lydia Murray, Parent Rep Jessica Ramirez, Parent Miriam Rodriguez-Ruiz, Teacher Rep Mark Walsh, Parent Rep
Next Meeting Date:	18 May 2015		

Item No.	Description
2013-09-16.07	<p>LSC Training CPS is planning to renew their interest in LSC training and intends to audit LSCs (especially of high-performing schools) within the next 2 years to check compliance. Gladys Hansen-Guerra will share the training calendar with new LSC members in hard copy and electronically. 28 October 2013 – Kara Kosloskus stated that the training is now available online, except for the Budget module. Kara asked if Gladys could send out a schedule for upcoming training for the Budget module. 18 November 2013 – Budget module will be online in January. 16 December 2013 – The budget module still isn't online, so CPS has scheduled in-person sessions. The new anticipated roll-out is in February. 24 March 2014 – Gladys Hansen-Guerra was at LSC Relations today and was informed that all training is on hold until after upcoming LSC elections. She was also told that the budget module will be online in May. 15 September 2014 – All modules are online except for the budget module. Gladys will contact CPS to find out when that module will be online. 20 October 2014 – Gladys Hansen-Guerra reported that the budget module is now online. She will send the link out to the LSC members who need to complete training. 20 January 2015 – Gladys Hansen-Guerra sent out the training calendar and stated that she believed that all modules were available online. Chris McGuire stated that the Principal Evaluation module is not online. 16 March 2015 – Gladys Hansen Guerra heard that LSC members who have done the training in the past 3 years only have to take the new modules. She will try to confirm tomorrow. 20 April 2015 – Lydia Murray confirmed that the deadline for completing training is 30 April 2015.</p>
2015-04-20.01	The meeting convened at 6:47.
2015-04-20.02	CPS Facilities Management was removed from the agenda, as it does not apply to this month's meeting.
2015-04-20.03	The LSC reviewed the minutes from the March meeting. Linda Foley moved to approve the March meeting minutes, Miriam Rodrigues-Ruiz seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
2015-04-20.04	Principal's Report: Linda Foley distributed a written report that covered the latter part of March 2015 and the first part of April 2015. The report is attached to these minutes and additional items are highlighted below.
2015-04-20.04a.	<p>School Leadership Linda Foley noted that Newberry is still awaiting word on the Leader in Me grant. It is expected in May. Linda noted that the budget has not yet been released and explained that a release date has not yet been set and could be as late as June. She anticipates the need for the LSC to meet one or more times in June to approve the budget. Linda and Ed held an ILT meeting to develop the CIWP. 14 March – Linda met with the PPC.</p>
2015-04-20.04b.	<p>Instructional Leadership No additional comments</p>

2015-04-20.04c.	Student Centered Learning Climate No additional comments
2015-04-20.04d.	Professional Development and Human Resources Management No additional comments
2015-04-20.04e.	Parent Involvement and Community Partnerships No additional comments
2015-04-20.04f.	School Management and Daily Operations There have been improvements in the situation with the building engineer. Linda Foley and Ed Collins no longer have to spend as much time managing the engineer or custodians. The situation with the building engineer splitting time with Alcott is working far better than in the past and has not been a problem. Lydia suggested that replacement of the lockers should be on the school's list of long-term goals.
2015-04-20.04g.	Interpersonal Effectiveness Linda Foley sent letters to parents of students are chronically absent or late. The letter was strongly written and was primarily directed toward families that remove students from school for family vacations and those who have excessive tardys.
2015-04-20.05	Standing Subcommittees
2015-04-20.05a.	Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Foley distributed the Internal Accounting Reconciliation Report • Linda Foley requested that the LSC approve 2 funds transfers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$2000 from instructional material in science to a line to a conference line send 7 teachers to an Illinois Includes conference. Jasmine Alexander moved to approve, Josh Greenberg seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. ○ \$1000 from instructional material in science to a line to instructional material to purchase Leader in Me books for the staff. Mark Walsh moved to approve, Chris McGuire seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. ○ Ed Collins had a conversation with the LDS about their future plans. They are still talking about building their own building and, eventually (2-3 years hence) they will no longer rent space at Newberry. The school will have to start thinking about how to better streamline the use of those funds and ways to replace that income stream.
2015-04-20.05b.	Buildings and Grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locks have been replaced and repaired throughout the building.
2015-04-20.05c.	Friends of Newberry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher appreciation lunch at report card pickup • Math-magician is coming on Friday 5:00-6:00 for a presentation • Mother-son bowling and father-daughter dance are in the planning stages • The annual family picnic is schedule for 6 June
2015-04-20.05d.	Personnel Advisory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a SECA vacancy that Linda and Ed are interviewing to fill.
2015-04-20.05e.	Communication and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed continues to update the website, particularly the history section
2015-04-20.05f.	PPLC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
2015-04-20.05g.	Principal Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lydia Murray noted that the LSC may not make the May 1 deadline for submission of principal evaluation. She has been in touch with LSC Relations to find out what happens if we are late. The LSC agreed that if there aren't consequences to being late the report will be submitted after the May meeting. If there are consequences the LSC will consider a special meeting during the week of 27 April.
2015-04-20.05h.	Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
2015-04-20.05i.	Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
2015-04-20.06	Lydia Murray asked how the situation with substitute teachers was this school year. Linda Foley said that it is better than it was last year, but it is still not good. One option is to purchase a cadre (\$30,000 expenditure) which would guarantee a substitute every day of the year.

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Linda Foley moved to close the April meeting and adjourn. Miriam Rodriguez-Ruiz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The foregoing constitutes our understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Other participants are requested to review these items and advise the originator in writing of any errors or omissions.