

Newberry Academy of Math and Science

Local School Council

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	20 July 2015	Attendees:	Jasmine Alexander, Parent Rep Wendy Cavanaugh, Staff Edward Collins, Assistant Principal Linda Foley, Principal Josh Greenberg, Teacher Rep Kathleen Haggerty, Parent Rep Gladys Hansen-Guerra, Parent Rep Stephen Lim, Parent Michelle McGruder, Parent Chris McGuire, Parent Rep Monica Miranda, Parent Lydia Murray, Parent Rep Jessica Ramirez, Parent Carmen Tolentino, Parent Mark Walsh, Parent Rep
Next Meeting Date:	21 September 2015		

Item No.	Description
2015-07-20.01	The meeting convened at 6:34.
2015-07-20.02	Lydia Murray explained that this meeting is simply an organizational meeting to vote on the non-teaching staff position, set the schedule for the 2015-2016 school year and review and approve the budget. Lydia Murray moved to change the agenda to only include these two items. Kathleen Haggerty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2015-07-20.03	Lydia Murray called a vote for the non-teaching staff position. She explained that the vote to fill the vacant parent position would be deferred until the first meeting of the 2015-2016 school year. Wendy Cavanaugh has offered to fill the non-staff. Linda Foley moved to accept Wendy Cavanaugh for the non-teaching staff position. Mark Walsh seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2015-07-20.04

Budget

Linda Foley explained that Newberry will receive Title 1 funding in the coming year for the first time. This is due to the increasing poverty of students.

Linda asked the LSC to approve the expenditure of the new Title 1 funding for 3 purposes that are specifically targeted toward students in need of Title 1 assistance:

- Reading specialist
- Teacher assistant for kindergarten
- After school support program

Linda Foley distributed:

- Fund Cap Summary
- Budget allocation – staff
- Budget allocation – other expenditures

Linda Foley distributed an explanation from CPS explaining how schools are to cover the cost for technology leases. Linda Foley made a motion to move \$8863 to cover technology leases. \$4431.50 will go to Fund 225 and \$4431.50 will go to Fund 332. Chris McGuire seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Linda Foley explained that the Friends of Newberry reimburses the school for the cost of the lease with money raised in fundraisers throughout the year.

Linda Foley explained that a portion of the SGSA funding will remain in miscellaneous lines until the school's staffing needs are known. She anticipates that this will be known early in the 2015-2016 school year.

Linda Foley distributed a spreadsheet explaining the 3 positions that have been opened:

- Full time reading specialist
- Half time bilingual teacher
- Full time teacher assistant, focus on early reading acquisition skills in kindergarten

Linda asked for LSC approval to move \$12,000 for summer ESP work to have the assistants attend Leader in Me training; to have Ms. Escobar come in to work out bus changes; additional maintenance work; and additional summer work by Wendy Cavanaugh.

Linda Foley would like approval for the following Fund 124 allocations:

- \$20,720-Digido
- \$20,000-Chromebook cart for the 3rd 6th grade class
- \$10,000-Textbooks
- \$10,000-Teacher PD
- \$5,000-substitute teachers to cover regular teacher PD
- \$10,000-Hire 2 retired teachers to work with special education students
- \$10,000-Sunday coverage for the first half of the 2015-2016 school year
- \$20,000-Study Island
- \$5,000-Leader in Me support to cover trainer travel expenses
- \$6,000-Coaches for sports programming

Lydia Murray asked if the school planned to fund Compass Learning for the coming year. After talking with teachers Linda Foley will likely propose to move back to Study Island. Study Island has moved to correlate with MAP scores and students were more enthusiastic about that program and were more likely to use it. When talking to Study Island, Linda will ask if the program is Flash-based and if it can be accessed on Apple devices.

Lydia Murray asked if the Newberry can expect a change in custodial staffing. Linda Foley could not say for sure, but is hopeful that the situation is stable and that the school will have the same number of custodians.

Linda Foley explained that she is closing 2 science labs, moving science into the classroom for grades 1-6. The former science rooms will be converted to math labs. The intent is to split each class for math into 2 groups: one that stays in the classroom and one that goes to the math lab. This will allow teachers to tailor math education to both the high and low ends of the spectrum, rather than just teaching to the middle of the spectrum. This will require an additional expenditure in science materials for the individual classrooms.

PE: Grades 6-8 will get additional time with Mr. Maza; Grades K-5 will get additional time with their classroom teachers.

Mark Walsh moved to approve the allocations as presented. Chris McGuire seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Chris McGuire moved to approve the Fund 124 allocations as presented. Gladys Hansen-Guerra seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

2015-07-20.05	<p>LSC Meetings for the 2015-2016 school year will be held on the following dates:</p> <p>21 September 2015 19 October 2015 16 November 2015 14 December 2015 11 January 2016 8 February 2016 14 March 2016 11 April 2016 16 May 2016 20 June 2016 Meetings will be held at 6:30.</p>
2015-07-20.06	<p>Linda Foley moved to keep Gladys Hansen-Guerra and Lydia Murray as LSC co-chairs and Mark Walsh as secretary. Chris McGuire seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.</p>
2015-07-20.07	<p>Lydia Murray moved to close the July meeting and adjourn. Gladys Hansen-Guerra seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.</p>

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.