

Newberry Academy of Math and Science

Local School Council

Meeting Minutes

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| Meeting Date: | 17 October 2016 | Attendees: | Jasmine Alexander, Parent Rep Edward Collins, Assistant Principal Pat Cullen, Community Rep Linda Foley, Principal Josh Greenberg, Teacher Rep Viki Gullo, Non-Teaching Rep Gladys Hansen-Guerra, Parent Rep Kathleen Haggerty, Community Rep Debbie Klein, Parent Tim Kramer, Parent Rep Ryan Marron, Network 4 Data Analyst Chris McGuire, Parent Rep Lydia Murray, Parent Rep Jessica Ramirez, Parent Mark Walsh, Parent Rep |
| Next Meeting Date: | 21 November 2016 | | |

| Item No. | Description |
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| 2016-10-17.01 | The meeting convened at 6:35 pm. |
| 2016-10-17.02 | Linda Foley moved to revise the agenda to read that the State of the School report will be given by Ryan Marron and administration and will take the place of the Principal's Report. Josh Greenberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 10 yes votes and 2 absent. |
| 2016-10-17.03 | State of the School |
| 2016-10-17.03a. | <p>NWEA Data Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryan Marron explained a number of definitions related to the data analysis. Reading: Newberry achieved 154.5% Spring Projection Met growth an overall growth of 92nd percentile. 73.7% of students met national attainment averages and 87th percentile. Linda Foley said that she feels positive about these metrics and that it shows that many of the structures put in place last year are working. Newberry achieved reasonable growth in 2015-2016 over the 2014-2015 school year. Attainment was not as good. All subgroups attained growth in the high 80 to high 90 percentiles. Ryan indicated that this growth is very good. Ryan indicated that attainment should move up slowly from year-to-year rather than varying significantly. Growth, on the other hand, can fluctuate dramatically from year-to-year. Math: Newberry achieved 118.4% Spring Projection Met growth an overall growth of 68th percentile. 64.2% of students met national attainment averages and 76th percentile. Part of the reason for the lower numbers is due to 4th and 5th grade, which had an adjustment in the difficulty of the test from previous years. The result is that the spring-to-spring comparison compared 2 different tests with very different difficulty levels. This was seen to be true across the entire district. Ryan indicated that adjustments were not made in this year's tests, so the growth numbers should bounce back in the coming year. Newberry achieved reasonable growth in 2015-2016 over the 2014-2015 school year. Attainment was not good, generally because of the new norms of determining percentile rankings. Diverse Learners and African American students attained growth in the 37th and 40th percentiles, respectively. Hispanic and White students achieved 78th and 90th percentiles, respectively. |
| 2016-10-17.03b. | Attendance: Attendance was up 0.7% across the school, which is significant compared to other schools. Attendance across racial subgroups was pretty consistent and above 95%. |
| 2016-10-17.03c. | SQRP numbers gained 0.7 points over the 2014-2015 school year and retained a Level 1+ rating. Ryan indicated that this year-to-year growth is very significant. There is a higher percentage of Level 1+ schools across CPS. |
| 2016-10-17.03d. | <p>Focus areas for 2016-2017 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Growth, especially in DL and African American students Maintaining Reading Growth |

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| 2016-10-17.03e. | Mission and Vision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILT is looking at revising the school’s vision and mission. The landscape of the school has really been changed with the introduction of The Leader in Me. |
| 2016-10-17.03f. | CIWP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies (Goals) are in place from last year and will remain as such through 2018. |
| 2016-10-17.03g. | Curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading – based on a Balanced Literacy Model with Assessment-based planning at its core • Math – Everyday Math, K-6; Glencoe Pre-Algebra & Algebra, 7-8; math instruction has been increased to 90 minutes in grades 2-4 with smaller separate groups. • Science – TCI Bring Science Alive in the classroom, K-5; SEPUP, 6-8; Project SYNcERE in grades 3-8. • Social Studies – Pearson’s My World, K-5; early and modern American history, history fair and History Makers in 6-8; experiential learning opportunities for 7-8. • Special Courses – visual arts, music, dance and PE. • Social-Emotional Learning – Second Step, school wide; The Leader in Me, second full year, focused this year on living the 7 Habits; Student Leadership, student-led tours, Beautification Committee, News Anchors (anticipated), Student Patrols (anticipated). |
| 2016-10-17.03h. | Student Support Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual • Diverse Learners • Counseling Department – full time counselor • Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (started last year) – tracks both academic and behavioral data and is a framework for delivering differentiated, targeted, instruction. |
| 2016-10-17.03i. | Attendance & Behavior Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is 100% (attained 95.1% last year) • Designated attendance liaison • Classroom awards • Follow-up by Linda and Ed on habitual tardies Behavior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAMPS, 80% of staff is trained, goal is 100% • 5 Finger Values • Detention system is being revamped and enhanced to help students develop a plan to grow as a leader (rather than last year’s ‘quiet time’). The intent is to make it more of a counseling opportunity for students who do not see detention as a deterrent. • CPS Student Code of Conduct |
| 2016-10-17.03j. | Increased Parent Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSC • Friends of Newberry • Currently seeking alternatives to supplement income with the impending termination of the LDS (church) lease. They have renewed their lease through at least Fall of 2017. Newberry have been approached by Emerald City Theater and Steve and Kate’s camp for summer income, and interest in the school. There will also be a film shoot at Newberry this fall. |
| 2016-10-17.03k. | Communication and Marketing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication via e-mail, text, Remind, and robo-calls • Marketing via Twitter, FON Facebook page and enhancements to the school website. |

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| 2016-10-17.03l. | <p>Linda asked for comments and questions from the LSC and attending parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasmine Alexander asked about opportunities for mentoring of students, like Black Girls Rock. Linda noted that the students who are most represented in detention are students of color and identified a need to mentor these students, and especially those who are frequently in detention. There was pushback to the name Black Girls Rock, but it was noted that much of that was from people who weren't involved or participating. Linda noted that the program was inclusive and was not restricted to African American students. Linda made it clear that she supports the group. • All agreed that Newberry could use more parents willing to start support and activity groups for students. • Lydia Murray asked about the cadre substitute. The position has been offered 3 times, and each candidate secured a full-time position. Linda and Ed are, once again, in the process of interviewing. In the interim, there have been some challenges in securing sufficient substitute teachers. • Linda and Ed continue to have to spend far too much time monitoring Aramark and their performance. Linda frequently take pictures of issues that need to be addressed and sends them to Aramark. They respond, but are not consistent in follow-through. There is consistency with the Aramark staff assigned to Newberry but the overall level of cleanliness is substandard. |
| 2016-10-17.04 | <p>The LSC reviewed the minutes from the September Meeting. Lydia Murray moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Pat Cullen seconded and the motion was approved unanimously with 11 yes votes and 1 absent.</p> |
| 2016-10-17.05 | <p>Standing Subcommittees</p> |
| 2016-10-17.05a. | <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda distributed the State Chapter 1 Funds Summary and the Budget Transfer Report. • Newberry had to clear a negative for 10th day enrollment shortfall (\$22,520.69 + \$7,365). • Kathleen Haggerty moved to approve all transfers identified on the Budget Transfer Report. Jasmine Alexander seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 11 yes votes and 1 absent. • Linda distributed the Internal Accounting report. • Mark Walsh moved to approve transfers identified in the Internal Accounting report. Pat Cullen seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 11 yes votes and 1 absent. • Linda asked for a motion to replace the Smartboard projector in room 112 (\$1,725) to replace the one destroyed by a power surge last year. • Chris McGuire moved to approve the transfer of funds to purchase the Smartboard projector. Gladys Hansen-Guerra seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 11 yes votes and 1 absent. • Linda and Ed continue to call parents to collect student fees. Percentage of paid families is up from last year. • Linda and Ed plan to sit down with FON/PTO to determine what fundraisers we currently have in place, what they make and which are worth keeping. Once that is known, new opportunities can be explored. • Linda distributed a letter that will go home explaining the data analytics presented at the meeting and 2 associated sheets with data. |
| 2016-10-17.05b. | <p>Buildings and Grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water fountain passed the lead test. Replacement of the fountain will happen in the near future. |
| 2016-10-17.05c. | <p>Friends of Newberry/PTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FON meeting is 25 October. • 7 November is Comedy Night. There will be a raffle as part of that event. Tickets are \$20 now, \$25 after 19 October and \$30 at the door. |
| 2016-10-17.05d. | <p>Personnel Advisory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report |
| 2016-10-17.05e. | <p>Communication and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of website updates and Twitter communication. • Debbie Klein has been helping Ed update website content. |
| 2016-10-17.05f. | <p>PPLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting was 27 September, the next meeting is 18 October. The main focus is to set goals. |

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| 2016-10-17.05g. | Principal Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| 2016-10-17.05h. | Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report |
| 2016-10-17.05i. | Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miriam is working with Special Ed teachers to make sure IEP minutes are being covered to the best of our ability. Transportation has been an issue with Diverse Learners. CPS is reconsidering providing transportation for these students. If this goes through, Newberry may lose a significant number of these students. Linda anticipates that students who currently have transportation included in their IEPs will have that service rescinded. Currently, parents have not been informed of this possible action by CPS. |
| 2016-10-17.05j. | Title 1 Advisory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is now a parent advisory committee, with parents volunteering at the September. |
| 2016-10-17.06 | Linda Foley moved to close the October meeting and adjourn. Kathleen Haggerty seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 11 yes votes and 1 absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 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.