

MINUTES OF THE JOHN W. GARVY LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
5225 NORTH OAK PARK AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60656
TUESDAY, June 12, 2018

The John W. Garvy Local School Council Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the school's library at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by, Mrs. Nicole Foster, at 5:34 p.m. Quorum was established.

Attendance

Present: Barbara Fabris, Nicole Foster, Victoria Grau, Stephanie Huber, Karen Martin, Heather Chron, Lydia Hernandez, Stasi Nilles, John Rizzo

Absent: Sean Derry, Allison Cianci, Han Kim

Guest parent: Mr. Michael Ray

The LSC Minutes from 5/1/18 (Special Budget Meeting) and 5/8/18 (Regular Meeting) were distributed and perused.

Huber/Rizzo-Made the motion to approve 5/1/18 LSC Minutes. Motion Passed.

Nilles/Rizzo-Made the motion to approve 5/8/18 LSC Minutes. Motion Passed.

Public Comments

Mr. Ray (Library Volunteer 2017-1018) expressed his concern as to the fate of Garvy's School Library circulation since it is being converted to a classroom next school year.

Ms. Chron expressed her concerns and ideas as well, and assured him plans would be put into place.

LSC Principal Report - Heather Chron
June 12, 2018

COMPETENCY A: CHAMPIONS TEACHER AND STAFF EXCELLENCE THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TO DEVELOP AND ACHIEVE THE VISION OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS-*Principal creates and implements systems to ensure a safe, orderly, and productive environment for student and adult learning toward the achievement of school and district improvement priorities. Principal works with the staff and community to build a shared mission, and vision of high expectations that ensures all students are on the path to college and career readiness, and holds staff accountable for results.*

Standard A1. Develops, implements, and monitors the outcomes of the Continuous Improvement Work Plan and school wide student achievement data results to improve student achievement.

Current projections for students failing in the benchmark grades of 3, 6, and 8 are: 2 students in the 3rd Grade and 5 students in the 6th grade; all students in the **8th grade have promoted** without the need for summer school due to the hard work and support of the teachers and staff.

Standard A2. Creates a continuous improvement cycle that uses multiple forms of data and student work samples to support individual, team, and school-wide improvement goals, identify and address areas of improvement and celebrate successes

Teachers were asked to review their **End of Year (EOY) NWEA scores** - comparing student growth targets from Spring in 2017 to Spring of 2018. Teacher teams analyze their data to plan instruction for the upcoming school year and reflect on their current performance as well.

Standard A3. Collaborates with staff to allocate personnel, time, material, and adult learning resources appropriately to achieve the Continuous Improvement Work Plan targets

Thank you to the PTA for funding our playworks program which helped support PBIS expectations and behaviors throughout the lunch/recess curriculum, and other unstructured times where we continue to observe a higher number of infractions.

Standard A4. Creates a Safe, Clean and Orderly Learning Environment

We failed the **Blitz Inspection** last Wednesday, May 30, 2018 in these areas:

- *General Cleaning and Sanitation Measures*
 - Microwave & refrigerator dirty
- *"All areas are clean, organized and free of clutter"*
 - Areas not clean and organized
 - Clutter found, must be removed
 - Food items are being stored in the classroom/student desk
 - Custodial closets dirty/dusty or in poor condition
 - Water leaking/stains
- *Pest Control "Pest infestation signs were observed in the following areas:"*
 - Any classroom, office, closet, gym, auditorium, other
- *Ceilings & Walls*
 - Ceiling and walls have cracks and/or holes
- *Restrooms*
 - Toilets, urinals, and sinks are not clean or leaking

The goals to pass inspection include:

- Cleaning at the end of the year - big garbage bags and a dumpster - take it home or throw it away
- All bins/items need to be 6 inches off of the floor and all closets need everything off the floor
- Requesting funding from PTA in the amount of \$5K for organizational materials

Tuesday, May 29th at approximately 11:30 A.M. there was a motor that overheated and caught fire. Our engineer, Mr. Nate Quillen, extinguished the fire and called the main office. Ms. Chron called 911 and Mr. Rivera pulled the fire alarm. The Chicago Fire Department responded immediately and students and staff evacuated the building. The CFD determined that the students were able to re-enter the building after using large fans to suck out any of the contaminated air. One student was taken to the Emergency Room and was released with a clean bill of health shortly after arrival. All students and staff acted quickly and efficiently. Thank you to the Chicago Fire Department and our engineer for acting quick!

Standard A5. Ensures that the school's identity, vision, and mission drive school decisions

COMPETENCY B: CREATES POWERFUL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SYSTEMS THAT GUARANTEE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS- *The principal works with the school staff and community to utilize the district's framework for effective teaching and learning to improve instruction for all students.*

Standard B1. Works with and engages staff in the development and continuous refinement of a shared vision for effective teaching and learning by implementing a standards based curriculum, relevant to student needs and interests, research-based effective practice, academic rigor, and high expectations for student performance in every classroom.

Allison Tracey, 8th Grade Science Teacher, has been selected to participate in the **Museum of Science and Industry's Teacher Leadership program**. Mrs. Tracey will attend professional development over the summer and lead a group of 10 teachers across all grade levels and disciplines to both align our science curriculum and make cross curricular connections.

Standard B2. Evaluates the effectiveness of staff and holds individuals accountable for meeting their goals by conducting frequent formal and informal observations in order to provide timely, written feedback on instruction, preparation and classroom environment as part of the district appraisal systems

All **teacher observations** were conducted in on time. The final ratings for non-tenured teachers, annually rated teachers and teachers in the second year in their biennial cycle are due June 18th. Teachers were to add to the category of Professional Responsibilities by May 25th if they fall in either of these two categories.

Standard B3. Implements student interventions that differentiate instruction based on student needs

Standard B4. Selects and retains teachers with the expertise to deliver instruction that maximizes student learning

We wish the best of luck to **Ms. Diaz** as she has announced her retirement from John W. Garvy effective June 30th. Please feel free to come and say goodbye on Monday, June 18th in the afternoon between 2:30-4:30 PM.

Standard B5. Ensures the training, development, and support for high-performing instructional teacher teams to support adult learning and development to advance student learning and performance

Teacher leaders attended a **Learning Forward Professional Development** workshop aimed at adult learning for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Tracey, Ms. Walsh, Mrs. Bester and Ms. Huber and I went to create a learning plan for our adult learners. This workshop was provided by the Network - as a grant - for schools who have Professional Learning as one of the CIWP priorities for the 2018-2020 CIWP cycle.

Standard B6. Supports the system for providing data-driven professional development and sharing of effective practice by thoughtfully providing and protecting staff time intentionally allocated for this purpose

Teachers were able to complete their quarterly curriculum maps in the **Preps with the Principal** over the past 2 months. Substitute teachers were brought in so that the teachers could use this time to continue the work in our current 2016-2018 CIWP Priority of Curriculum Alignment.

Standard B7. Advances Instructional Technology within the Learning Environment

The chromebooks for the 2018-2019 school year have arrived for the **1 to 1 program**. All 7th and 8th grade students will be able to have a Chromebook that is under their ownership for the school year to advance student performance and learning goals.

Standard B8. Conducts difficult but crucial conversations with individuals, teams, and staff based on student performance data in a timely manner for the purpose of enhancing student learning and results

The nature of these **conversations** is confidential, however they occur on a regular basis.

COMPETENCY C: BUILDS A CULTURE FOCUSED ON COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS- *Principal works with staff and community to build a culture of high expectations and aspirations for every student by setting clear staff and student expectations for positive learning behaviors and by focusing on students' social-emotional learning.*

Standard C1. Leads a school culture and environment that successfully develops the full range of students' learning capacities-academic, creative, social-emotional, behavioral and physical
Our Out-of-School (OST) time grant has ended. Girls on the Run had their race at the end of May, the Drama Club is putting on their last performances this month and many students were able to achieve academic gains from attending after school classes for academic enrichment. Our Illinois Youth Soccer League, run by Coach Salgado, brought home a 3rd Place trophy for the 5/6th grade team and several students took the Seal of Biliteracy test in Spanish, too. Our International Night was a huge success, thanks to the Bilingual Advisory Committee and our teachers, Ms. Podumis, Mrs. Mora, Mrs. Olech and Mrs. Grau. Playworks held their last class game time events with the students and their teachers and Field Days were successful for all grades! **There have been a full range of activities in all areas to promote culture, climate and academics.**

Standard C2. Builds a culture of high aspirations and achievement for every student
Several students have been selected for seats in Academic Centers and other magnet programs. With this in mind, our **projected enrollment** for next year will begin at 840. Current Attendance rate is 95.8%. Over 96% is our school wide goal. Today we are currently at 839 students. These projections came from last year's October 1st enrollment figures.

Standard C3. Requires staff and students to demonstrate consistent values and positive behaviors aligned to the school's vision and mission

Our end of the year **PBIS celebration** will take place the last two days of school.

COMPETENCY D: EMPOWERS AND MOTIVATES FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME ENGAGED- *Principal creates a collaborative school community where the school staff, families and community interact regularly and share ownership for the success of the school.*

Standard D1. Proactively engages families and communities in supporting their child's learning and the school's learning goals

STREAM night and the International Night were very well attended. Students enjoyed hands on projects and learning with their friends and families.

Thank you Mrs. Cowie and Mrs. Storr, for your years of service to the Garvy PTA and your commitment and dedication through the years. You are much appreciated for all of your hard work at Garvy!

Standard D2. Creates, develops and sustains relationships that result in active student engagement in the learning process

Special Thanks to Mrs. Akers, Ms. Columbus and the Branch Community Church for partnering to **beautify the school** with new mulch around trees and plant beds. Classrooms have been able to enjoy these spaces while using them for experiments and learning opportunities.

Standard D3. Utilizes meaningful feedback of students, staff, families, and community in the evaluation of school programs and policies

Feedback received from the Chicago Fire Department and Chicago Police that our students did an excellent job during our small fire on May 29th.

Standard D4. Demonstrates an understanding of the change process and uses leadership and facilitation skills to manage it effectively

Discussed the **Assessment Planning Calendar** for the 2018-2019 school year with the PPC (Professional Problems Committee) and must hold a vote by June 12th for CTU members for testing schedule for next school year. There will be some changes to the testing calendar and they will be decided in conjunction between administration and teaching staff.

Our current Chief, **Lela Majstorovic**, has accepted an Assistant Superintendent position in the Elgin School District. She will end her time as our Chief this June. We are awaiting the news of who our new Chief of Network 1 will be.

COMPETENCY E: RELENTLESSLY PURSUES SELF-DISCIPLINED THINKING AND ACTION-*Principal works with the school staff and community to create a positive context for learning by ensuring equity, fulfilling professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity, and serving as a model for the professional behavior of others.*

Standard E1. Creates and supports a climate that values, accepts and understands diversity in culture and point of view

Continuously strives to see all perspectives and bring light to situations in regards to diversity and point of view

Standard E2. Demonstrates personal and professional standards and conduct that enhance the image of the school and the educational profession; protects the rights and confidentiality of students and staff

While in Boston on the 8th grade class trip, several strangers at the Boston Red Sox Game and at various places of business (such as the Lobster Hut) made sure to tell our staff how **well mannered** our students were. We were very proud chaperones to say the least!

Standard E3. Relentlessly pursues reflective behavior

Completed the last New Principal Webinar and will attend the Network 1 end of the year meeting. It has been quite the year - every day a new adventure and I couldn't have done it without Mrs. Bester, Ms. Diaz, Mrs. DeSantiago, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Rivera, Mr. Birriel and Mr. Quillen. Every single person in our building is here for a reason - we need each and every person to show up daily to do their best and I do my best to be a strong leader for all. **Thank you**, LSC, for your guidance and belief in me. I am so excited for the next four years!

Internal Accounts: Were distributed and perused for month of May 2018.

Huber/Nilles-Made the motion to approve

Checks over \$1000-Motion passed.

\$3874.40 Graduation Supplies - Mrs. Tracey

\$1550.00 Robert Crown Health Presentation - Mrs. Hehn

\$4533.56 Yearbooks - Mr. Ravury

\$2400.00 Trolley Tour - Mrs. Hehn

\$2116.80 Shoreline Boat Tour - Ms. Huber

\$7462.88 Scholastic Magazines - Ms. Chron

\$1950.00 Motor Coach Bus (Camp Duncan) - Ms. Morales

\$1406.50 Typing Club 1 yr. License - Ms. Rojas

BILINGUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Communication between Parents and Teachers
- we are partners and we need to communicate.
2. International Night - amazing success: 23 of May, 2018. Plans started for next year.
3. Seal of Biliteracy - test for 5th and 8th grade students who are (or were) ELLs. This test included speaking, reading, writing and listening. The 5th grade students took the test in Spanish and the 8th grade in Spanish and Polish. Awarded students:
 - Jahaira Torres (5th Grade, Spanish),
 - Mariela Torres (8th Grade, Spanish),
 - Idalis Diaz (8th Grade, Spanish),
 - Anna Cisak (8th Grade, Polish),
 - Mateusz Golaszewski (8th Grade, Polish),
 - Klaudia Mocek (8th Grade, Polish)
- Victoria Zablocka (8th Grade, Polish). Awards ceremony: June 6th - for 5th Grade, and June 7th - for 8th Grade. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!
4. OLCE visit - took place on 30th of April, 2018; results coming during summer vacation.
5. Before school program with Mrs. Olech will run till last day of school.

ALUMNI REPORT

Congratulations to these Garvy Alumni, who are continuing to show excellence in their High School careers!

The following students have achieved Honor Roll for outstanding academic performance:

Resurrection High School

1st Honor

Adriana W
Meghan C
Olivia W
Izabella B
Ella N

2nd Honors

Samantha G
Claudia D
Megan M
Nicole B

June PPLC Minutes

Members Present: Sandy Neshawait, Cathy O'Brien, Sylwia Moore, Stephanie Huber, Melissa Culen, Beverly Mendoza, Jim Strawinski, Rebecca Cavanaugh, Jen Walsh, Eric DeWitt, Diana Schroeder

Members Absent: Karen Martin, Joanna Spyratos, Allison Tracey

Issue: For PARCC testing the whole school went on silence, no movements for two full weeks and this test does not count in our school rating or for students progress. NWEA testing is handled casually, everyone making their own schedule, many interruptions from auction events, and different grades testing on complete different weeks. This test does count for school rating, student progress and teacher evaluation. Shouldn't we place more value concern on best testing practices for the test that does matter?"

Teacher recommendations:

- Signage in the hallway to be more visible- signs on the doors make it hard to know when classes are testing unless you are right in front of the door.
- End of the year activities are happening during testing, can these wait until later?
- Give out a more specific schedule so that everyone knows which classes are testing on which days.

Solution: Ms. Chron will take these concerns into account in planning for testing next school year. ABC countdown will be Kindergarten only next year, eliminating many distractions during testing due to ABC countdown. Other activities will be moved to June.

Because we now have a strong PPC, we are having fewer issues arising at PPLC meetings. Next year, we are looking to have one representative per grade band (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, Specials, and Special Ed) instead of one representative per grade level. Also, we will hold meetings every other month with only tentative meetings on the months we don't meet. If there is an issue that comes up in one of those odd **months, we can use those tentative meeting dates. If you have any issues with this, please let your team member or myself know.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT (given by Ms. Chron)

Had a rise in various acts of misconduct at the end of the year that spiked around noon time. There was a rise in vandalism.

Plans for next school year include retraining restorative counseling, peace circles and new calming techniques.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rizzo expressed concern over the raising of the school fee for 7th and 8th grade students up from 75\$ to a 100\$(the cost of computer insurance as each student is going to be given one to use. Did the LSC have to vote on it.

(Ms. Chron emailed the BOE rep, Mr. Luis, and found out that the LSC did not have to vote on it.)

Mrs. Foster announced our next meeting will be on July 10, 2018 at 5:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Rizzo/Grau-Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes respectfully written and typed by Mrs. Grau.

Minutes approved on: