

# Mosaic School of Fine Arts

## Local School Council

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### PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Jess Mahoney  
Judy Deering  
Tracey Starkovich Moes  
Lida Rosas  
Mike Butz

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Marcos

### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jerry Yanoff  
Joseph Romeo

### FACULTY/STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Allison Qualkinbush, Principal  
Mark Donlin, Teacher  
Michael Krantz-Perlman, Teacher  
Patrick Chi, Technology Coordinator

Agenda for the Thursday, February 1, 2024 Local School Council Meeting  
Held at 5 pm at Mosaic in Room 106

- ❖ Call to Order at 5:18 pm
- ❖ Roll Call
  - o LSC Member Attendance: Patrick Chi, Jerry Yanoff, Judy Deering, Lida Rosas, Tracey Starkovich, Allison Qualkinbush, Mark Donlin, Joe Romeo, Mike Butz, Michael Krantz-Perlman, Jess Mahoney
  - o Guests: Jose Moreno
  - o Motion to add agenda item addressing Student Rep on LSC: Judy Deering. Second: Lida Rosas. Motion approved.
  - o Motion to add agenda item about state of the Chair of our LSC: Lida Rosas. Second: Michael Krantz. Motion approved. (Note: This item was not discussed for the sake of time).
- ❖ Approval of Agenda for the Thursday, February 1, 2024 LSC meeting
  - o Motion to approve: Jerry Yanoff Second: Joe Romeo
    - Motion approved
- ❖ **New Business**
  - o Approval of minutes from LSC meeting on 01/11/24
    - Motion to approve: Joe Romeo Second: Jerry Yanoff
      - Motion approved
  - o Migrant Evictions LSC Letter
    - Letter addresses the state of shelter for migrant families and implores City leadership to provide stable shelter for an entire school year so that learning is not impacted.
    - [Link to letter](#), already signed by LSCs of Bret Harte, Portage Park, and William G Hibbard Elementary Schools
    - This would impact 22 students (at this moment) at our school alone, and thousands of students across the district.
    - Introduction of the letter with rationale (Tracey Starkovich)
    - Appropriateness of sending a political letter (Jerry Yanoff)
    - Potential impact of migrant evictions on Mosaic and community

- Agreement/disagreement with the content of the letter
  - After an hour long discussion, consensus on signing onto the city wide LSC letter was not able to be reached initially. The Mosaic LSC expresses strong frustration with how the migrant situation has been handled on both a national and local level.
  - o Motion to Write our own letter as a Mosaic Community to advocate for our migrant families (instead of signing on to city wide LSC letter): Jess Mahoney. Second: Joe Romeo.
  - o Motion fails
  - Motion to sign on to the above linked City wide LSC letter: Michael Krantz-Perlman. Second: Michael Butz
  - Motion passes with 8 votes.
  - Michael Krantz and Tracey Starkovich will ensure that Mosaic is listed on the letter linked above.
- o Fundraisers
  - Suspension of Dominos fundraiser (Allison Qualkinbush)
    - LSC Discussion notes:
      - o Objection was raised to our school initiating this Fundraiser by a few staff members and students because of the actions of Dominos based in Israel and in response, Ms. Qualkinbush paused the fundraiser until the LSC could hold a discussion. Dominos is a franchise and as such, each individual store can hold its own individual policies. The Mosaic LSC conducted personal investigations and was unable to conclude that there was any meaningful connection between this Fundraiser (or our local Dominos store locations) and the ongoing conflict in Gaza. The LSC recognizes that this fundraiser is elective and any community members are welcome to chose to not participate in it. The Fundraiser was listed on the January Agenda (and a discussion surrounding the Fundraiser was listed on this meeting's Agenda) and no community members or staff attended to object in person or further explain reasonings to LSC members.
    - Motion to reinstate this fundraiser with a written response to the community about the LSC's position of remaining neutral in the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, and this Fundraiser not being intentionally linked to those events: Jess Mahoney. Second: Jerry Yanoff. Motion approved.
    - After further discussion suggesting that a written response would only bring unnecessary attention to the topic, Motion to rescind last motion: Jess Mahoney. Second: Joe Romeo. Previous motion rescinded.
    - Motion to approve Dominos pizza fundraiser as originally

planned without making a formal statement: Jess Mahoney.

Second: Jerry Yanoff. Motion approved

- Appropriateness of supporting/not supporting companies due to political stances - is there guidance from CPS on this?
- o Principals' Report
  - [Link to Full Principal's Report](#)
    - School Enrollment up to 772. Initiated process to receive more Teacher's Assistants
    - Appeal for an additional SECA in the school was granted
    - ILT is doing observations for all classrooms surrounding Small Group instruction
    - Registration beginning for Parent ESL group
    - Partnership with Loyola University began this week
    - TRELUS (former Asian Human Services) provided a bus for families to go to their site and learn about service opportunities.
    - Lead Guitar Winter Showcase was held at Mosaic last week, hosting two other schools in a guitar concert.
    - Cheer Group had a competition last weekend and did very well but did not advance
    - Robotics team competed successfully in a city wide competition.
    - Both Boys and Girls Basketball have had scrimmages.
    - Newcomer programing started for after school SEL and 3rd meal as needed.
    - Mosaic Reimagine committee is working on converting our Boone 5 to refreshed values with our new name.
    - Budget Transfers (see link to full report) for 8th Grade Novels, Busing for Family Resource trip to TRELUS, additional supplies, and Bus for Cheer Competition.
    - Around \$90,000 will need to be allocated towards different buckets/items to consider - particularly Smart Boards, Dance Flooring, Water Fountains, and new entry Mats.
    - At school Professional Development day, staff will be given opportunity to share concerns about the budget.
- o Fundraisers
  - Mosaic Change Makers February Valentine's Day Dance on 2/15, \$5 Entrance Fee, \$2 chips and juice, \$1 water
    - Motion to Approve: Jess Mahoney. Second: Michael Krantz
      - o Motion Approved
  - STEAM night on 3/14, PTO selling snacks for \$1
    - Motion to Approve: Jess Mahoney. Second: Michael Krantz
      - o Motion approve
  - PTO selling snacks after school during YMCA registration on Feb 5 for \$1
    - Motion to approve: Jess Mahoney. Second: Michael Krantz-Perlman.
      - o Motion Approved
  - MSA hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Sale (table top style) on Parent

Teacher Conference Day. Selling price for items is \$1-\$15. Goal to reach \$1,400 so that the school would get points to buy books to benefit the entire school.

- Motion to approve: Jess Mahoney. Second: Michael Krantz-Perlman.
  - Motion approved
- 8th Grade team proposes selling Candy Grams starting 2/5 -2/12 for \$3 to help pay for an 8th Grade trip to 6 Flags.
  - Motion to approve: Michael Krantz-Perlman. Second: Mark Donlin
    - Motion approved
- 7th/8th Grade Movie Night on 2/16 \$1 entry, \$1 drinks, \$2 chips (to benefit 8th Grade trip to 6 Flags)
  - Motion to approve: Jess Mahoney. Second: Michael Krantz-Perlman.
    - Motion approved
- Parent Representatives' Report
  - Concerns about how students can report if School Food is making them sick. Parents or students should email Ms. Qualkinbush or Mr. Moreno if they have a concern.
  - Concern about Student Rep not attending LSC meetings. Absence of 3 consecutive meetings is grounds for a vote of removal of the committee. Ms. Qualkinbush will check in with our student rep about attendance.
- Teachers' and Staff Report
  - n/a

#### ❖ Old Business

- Visits to LSC Meetings at neighboring schools
  - Jerry Yanoff is sharing emails with information about dates and times of neighboring schools LSC meetings. LSC members are encouraged to attend.
- Updates to potential bikeshare location
  - N/A
- Updates to potential teacher parking allowance
  - Ms. Qualkinbush will follow up with the Alderman's office.

#### ❖ Next Steps

- Principal will....keep LSC informed
- Parent reps will.... keep ears and eyes open on happenings at the school Tracey will make sure our name is added to LSC letter on migrant family status.
- Teachers and Staff will.... reach out to other ExArts teachers to help with Dominos fundraiser
- Community reps will.... Jerry Yanoff will continue to try to schedule a date for Jan Shakowsky to visit our students in an assembly.

#### ❖ Public Commentary

- Only 3 parents attended the Restorative Practice meeting this past

Tuesday. Encouragement of more community members to stay informed about Restorative Practice methods and for our LSC to help inform more families about RP.

❖ Motion to adjourn: Jess Mahoney. Second: Patrick Chi. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.