

Mosaic School of Fine Arts

Local School Council

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PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Jess Mahoney
Judy Deering
Tracey Starkovich Moes
Lida Rosas
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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Marcos

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jerry Yanoff
Joseph Romeo

FACULTY/STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Agenda for the Thursday, March 14, 2024 Local School Council Meeting
Held at 5 pm at Mosaic in Room 106

Call to order at: 5:15 pm.

- Roll Call.

LSC Member Attendance: *Jess Mahoney, Judy Deering, Lida Rosas, Michael Butz, Allison Qualkinbush, Joe Romeo, Patrick Chi, Jerry Yanoff, Mark Donlin, Michael Krantz-Perlman*) Remote attendance: *Tracey Starkovich*

Guests: *Jose Moreno*

- ❖ Approval of Agenda for the Thursday, March 14, 2024 LSC meeting
 - *Motion to approve: Joe Romeo, Second: Jerry Yanoff*
- ❖ **New Business**
 - Approval of minutes from LSC meeting on 02/01/24
Motion to approve: Jerry Yanoff, Second: Michael Butz
 - Fundraising Forms
 - Clarity of dates and times (with the understanding that these may shift, but not increase)
 - More detailed itemization of where the money will likely be spent within the club/department/school (ballpark estimates based on any prior experience, any expected expenses, etc.)
 - Announced cut-off dates prior to LSC meetings?
 - Clarity of dates and times (with the understanding that these may shift, but not increase) – (dates are okay to change, but can't add to existing details, more details wanted for what funds will be used for, Q will announce to staff cut-off date to submit fundraising forms, no future fundraising approval via email.. A fundraiser will not constitute an 'emergency vote' that would allow for an email vote. Staff will be reminded via Staff Bulletin about the fundraising deadline.
 - Possible Bylaw
 - Should we create a bylaw around 'emergency voting'?

- If so, what bylaw proposals are there?
- Who will research the bylaw process?
 - LSC Chair will call a meeting with 48 hours notice if an emergency meeting is needed. No bylaw will be created at this time.
- o Principals' Report
 - [Link to Full Principal's Report](#)
 - Allocation of new water fountain on first floor (around \$5,000).
 - Floor mats were ordered with 'Mosaic' logo for Doors 1 and 2. Will plan to order mats for other entrances in following years as funds allow.
 - A link will be shared with families so that community members will be able to share thoughts on newly created common school values.
 - Budget Transfer Considerations:
 - -Propose up to \$35,000 towards a new dance floor (Currently have two quotes for floor and installation - three are needed to proceed)
 - o Remote Call in of Ally Paitl, Mosaic Dance Teacher.
 - Current flooring in the dance room is tile flooring (a typical, regular classroom floor).
 - Benefits of professional level Dance flooring is that it will protect the student's joints if they're doing jumps or more advanced moves. It will put our school on par with dance studios and dance programs across the city. Students could dance barefoot or in dance shoes on this floor to be able to explore modern and contemporary dance styles. It also opens up floor work. Currently it's difficult to do tap or step styles of dance because it creates a noise issue for the classroom below.
 - Quote is for hardwood sprung flooring. Less expensive option is for vinyl flooring, however current quotes provide the best options for our students.
 - Possible to ask dance program alumni to contribute to dance flooring, or check with Alderman Silverstein to see if funds are available, or Rep Schakowsky?
 - Jerry will call Schakow's office to see if funds are available/eligible.
 - o Motion to table conversation until April meeting (*until third quote is received and information about other funding sources is attained*): Michael Krantz-Perlman. Second: Jess Mahoney. Motion approved.

- o -Propose up to \$35,000 towards smart boards (includes smart board display, OPS PC-digital signage player, Smart Learning Suite, Panel Mounting and PC imaging, Smart FSE-420 Electric height-Adjustable Floor Stand: Quote on 1.25.24 was \$4,572.13 for one.)
 - Motion to approve: Jess Mahoney, Second: Lida Rosas. Motion approved.
- o Parent Representatives' Report
 - Adult ESL Cancellation
 - Classes are paused, not canceled. Parents have been notified by Truman College teachers, who were coming to Mosaic to teach the class.
 - CPS Legal needs a new "No Cost Agreement" in order for classes to proceed. A new agreement is in process, but it is held up in the legal process.
 - Approximately 12 parents were enrolled in this program.
 - Broken sidewalk on Fairfield side of school. 311 has been notified, asking for a further push on this concern.
- o Teachers' and Staff Report
 - N/A
- o Community Members' Report
 - N/A

❖ **Old Business**

- o Visits to LSC Meetings at neighboring schools
 - Members check emails and be aware of neighboring school's meetings.
- o Updates to potential teacher parking allowance
 - N/A
- o Any updates on soccer/basketball field lighting
 - Ms. Q will circle back to CPS to see if they are paying for this lighting. Area politicians informed us in the past that this is something that would be able to be provided to our community.
- o Ongoing crossing guard issue
 - Lack of crossing guards across the city is part of the issue.
 - LSC will draft a letter to implore the need of our school for an additional crossing guard.
 - Jess will reach out to college students to see if they would be interested in applying for crossing guard jobs.
- o CPS on safety procedures
 - Tabled for future meeting
- o Updates on the student member
 - Student Rep still interested in being a member. Vote on the student rep for next year
- ❖ Fundraisers:
 - o Chess Club raffle tickets (\$1 each) to pay for t-shirts
 - Motion to approve: Lida Rosas, Second: Judy Deering. Motion approved.

- o MSA Family Movie Night “Toy Story” on May 15 to pay for ‘student incentives’ and ‘student needs’
- o MSA Family Game Night on April 17 for PreK-4th grade students. Snack sale to pay for ‘student incentives’ and ‘student needs’
 - Request for further clarification about what ‘student incentives’ and ‘student needs’ include for this program.
 - Questions about the fundraising process and how funds are used once they are raised. Request for Ms. Shami to come to the next meeting to further explain the fundraising process.
- o Exploring a new, better option for school photography, nothing to decide currently.

❖ **Next Steps**

- o Principal will....
- o Parent reps will....
- o Teachers and Staff will....
- o Community reps will....
 - Note for future meetings about what to discuss via Email, creating a Fund for students in need, and how to get further involved in politics to advocate for more resources and funds for the school.

❖ **Public Commentary**

- o n/a

- ❖ **Motion to adjourn: Mark Donlin Second: Michael Krantz-Perlman. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.**