

Mosaic School of Fine Arts

Local School Council

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

June 13, 2024
5 pm at Mosaic in Room 106

Agenda

❖ Roll Call

- LSC Member Attendance: Jess Mahoney, Lida Rosas, Allison Qualkinbush, Patrick Chi, Judy Deering, Tracey Starkovich, Jerry Yanoff, Joe Romeo
- Guest Attendance: Jose Moreno, Abigail Casarrubias and Giovanni Bucio

❖ Approval of Agenda for the June 13, 2024 Meeting

- Motion to approve: Lida Rosas; Second: Jess Mahoney. Motion approved.

❖ **New Business**

- Fundraisers (Allison)
 - No fundraisers to discuss/approve at this time.
 - Possibility of having Shamiram Shahbaz (“Shami” for short, one of Mosaic’s clerks) come in to discuss fundraising procedures in future meeting (July/August).
- Principal’s Report (Allison) - [Linked here](#)
- Substitute Teachers (Lida & Jess)
 - How are substitute teachers assigned? Do we get to pick the teachers or are they assigned by CPS?
 - Shami in charge of assigning subs
 - CPS has a process to become a sub. Subs are a mix of retired teachers and other qualified individuals with sub licenses.
 - Mosaic has a group of core subs that we regularly call upon due to familiarity with students and staff.
 - Other subs can apply for an opening if posted on sub center website by teacher/other staff.
 - ◆ Those found not to be a good fit can be blocked by admin or Shami.
 - What qualifications does a person need to be a substitute?
 - Anyone subbing in CPS (retired or otherwise) must have a

certification to act as a substitute in CPS classrooms.

- Are we observing substitute teachers in classrooms?
 - There is no standard observation procedure by the district. At Mosaic, we try to have available staff (i.e. admin, security, RP co-leads, etc) check into those classrooms throughout the day whenever possible.
- What are subs being told about the SEL climate of Mosaic?
 - Not much detail is provided to subs on this matter.
- How detailed are sub lesson plans?
 - Sub plans vary between staff.
- Additional Notes
 - Proposals to further investigate:
 - ◆ Include some sort of packet/informational guide to all sub plans to better prepare them for our classroom/school environment.
 - ◆ Feedback form for students to assess subs for their teachers to assess. This might help vet some individuals from certain classrooms/duties in the building.
- PTO Visit (Lida)
 - Meeting took place on 5/22.
 - Meeting lacked any specific agenda and not organized.
 - Minutes did not arrive until recently (6/12).
 - About 10 attendees split between parents and staff
 - Additional Notes
 - Proposal to have some meetings online instead to allow for more attendance
 - Would like to see more involvement to better represent our demographics.
- Proposed Areas of Focus for SY 24-25 (Jerry)
 - Build more ties with local politicians (Sen. Villavalam, Rep. Olickal, Alderwoman Silverstein)
 - Possibility of being a “show school” for Rep. Schakowsky, Sen. Durbin, and Sen. Duckworth
 - Visit other LSCs to see how they are run
 - Explore grants
 - Parent classes and parent events to help build more connections/community
 - Create alumni association/school reunions to help organize more support for school
 - Additional Notes
 - Judy’s suggestions: ensure stronger connections and unity amongst staff, students, and community
- Changes to the Mosaic LSC
 - Thanks to Jerry, Judy, Michael K, and Mark for their service these past two years.

❖ **Old Business**

- School supplies lists and supply drop-off procedures
 - Lists were consolidated and distributed physically on last day
 - Patrick will post list later on the school’s website and consolidate into physical copies for the office later on
 - Supply drop-offs during back-to-school bash as usual so students

- can see classrooms ahead of time
- First day drop-off with staff runners with markers to label
- Drop-off lane in SY 24-25?
 - Not being utilized properly by parents and even staff
 - Possible ideas for improvement:
 - Shift Washtenaw drop-off more north toward door 2 to prevent congestion by Washtenaw/North Shore crosswalk.
 - Block off all of Washtenaw akin to set-up at Hibbard ES with multiple drop-off points with attendee (no parking/driver exits whatsoever).
 - Parent volunteers act as monitors for drop-off points.
- Playground lighting updates?
 - Request resubmitted due to CPS canceling original
 - Also part of grant proposal previously submitted
- Next LSC organizational meeting: **July 9th at 3:30 pm**

❖ **Public Commentary** - none

❖ **Motion to Adjourn** - Jerry Yanoff; Second: Joe Romeo. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm