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MINUTES

PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 2016

******* 6:00 p.m. *******

Peirce Gymnasium

1. Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by JD.
2. Roll was called. Present were: John Azpeitia (JA), Jeff Korte (JK), Joe Dunne (JD), Lori Zaimi (LZ), Eilene Edejer (EE), Lynn Carro (LC), Brooke Thompson (BT), Shannan Deitz (SD), and Ariadna Ginez (AG). Absent were Joanne DeSantis Kirk (JDK), Bill Kennedy (BK), and Jorge Rodriguez (JR).
3. BT motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, EE seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation - none
5. Items Needing Council Approval – None.
6. School Budget 2016-2017 School Year – LZ reported on the school budget for 2016-2017 and presented a CIWP overview. Due to the vagaries of CPS budgeting, Peirce is losing funding for several of the SPED positions that were approved and funded mid-year in the previous school year. As a result, the school is facing an overall reduction in funding from the previous year of approximately \$500,000 which will impact class sizes in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 8th grades. SPED positions must be funded, consequently the impact of the budget cut looks to be the elimination of the school library, moving the MYP coordinator into a teaching position, and moving the assistant principal part-time into a classroom. LZ answered many questions from the LSC members and members of the public who were in attendance. All present expressed concern regarding the reduction in the school budget and the impact these reductions will have on the educational progress of the students and the ongoing IB certification. An ACTION ITEM was recommended for the chair to circulate a form letter and list of contacts to whom parents and LSC members can reach out to protest the budget cuts. JK spoke up to acknowledge the hard work of LZ in putting together the budget and trying to maintain the school curriculum with limited resources. JK noted that the LSC needs to review and approve the budget based on the decisions made by LZ. EE spoke eloquently about the efforts of LZ in assembling a school budget with limited resources. Other discussion focused on whether or not LSC rejection of the budget would assist in getting additional funds from CPS. JK motioned to approve the 2016-2017 Peirce School budget of \$5,980,727. BT seconded the motion. A voice vote was held: AG- nay, JA – nay, JK – nay, JD – nay, LZ – abstain, EE – nay, BT- nay, SD- nay, LC – nay. The motion to approve the school budget did not pass.
7. EE motioned to adjourn the meeting. JK seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

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Inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, reflective