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PEIRCE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, July 29, 2016

******* 5:30 p.m. *******

Peirce Gymnatorium

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31pm by JD.
2. Roll was called. Present were: Shannan Deitz (SD), Brooke Thompson (BT), Ariadna Ginez (AG), Joanne DeSantis Kirk (JDK), Eilene Edejer (EE), Lori Zaimi (LZ), Joe Dunne (JD), John Azpeitia (JA), Jeff Korte (JK), Jorge Rodriguez (JR), and Lynn Carro (LC).
3. EE motioned to approve the order of the Agenda, AG seconded. All present voted in favor.
4. Public Participation - none
5. Items Needing Council Approval – None.
6. CIWP – LZ presented the CIWP and discussed the impact of reduced funding for the 2016-2017 school year. The greatest area of impact will be the intervention and progress tools for RTI, but the impact is currently unknowable. Since the CIWP is a two year plan it is possible to adjust in the future. Sports programming will also be effected, particularly so if the after school funding does not come through. The LSC asked about FOP funding for the coming year. There are approximately \$80,000 available through FOP. LZ wants to continue to have arts partners for each grade level. The Alderman's office is working on additional arts funding that could be available later. Technology investments will need to be set aside for this year, but there were a lot of purchases last year. LZ stated that she feels like we have been able to streamline this year and that while we are losing staff people we will still be able to keep decent class sizes and make the schedule work. BT asked whether IEPs can be adjusted to allow aides to accompany SPED students to specials classes. LZ replied that it can only be done if it is required by the IEP. AG asked to see a breakdown of IEPs by grade level.
7. School Budget 2016-2017 School Year – LZ reported that Peirce received an additional \$225,000 last Friday which will allow keeping two positions that were previously cut out of the budget. These positions will be the librarian and one of the 3rd/4th/5th grade positions. BT asked if we can use existing staff. LZ replied that CPS HR was conducting an endorsement check of staff currently. The library will become a resource center and will no longer be a specials class. EE asked if the current budget will allow the PYP and MYP IB programs to proceed. LZ confirmed that it would. AG asked about the CPS budget appeals process and how the additional funding was determined and awarded. LZ noted that it was still not clear if the MYP coordinator would be teaching or not, but the AP will not be teaching. Concerns regarding the budget included that the MYP coordinator and case manager are currently budgeted to be in the classroom ½ time. The full impact of budget reductions is that the school is down four positions, including the two half-time positions. LZ stated that she believes we can have a functional start to the school year and that arts programming has been increased. JD motioned to approve the 2016-2017 Peirce School budget as presented. JA seconded the motion. A voice-vote was held: JR – aye, JK – aye, JA -aye, JD- aye,

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LZ – aye, EE – aye, JDK – aye, AG – aye (with reservations), BT – nay, SD – aye, LC – aye, BK – absent. An ACTION ITEM was recommended for follow up to push for more funding to have a full time MYP coordinator (\$50K required).

8. Public Participation – Gina Eshu and Kathy Herwig raised concerns about 3rd grade class sizes and the impact on SPED students.
9. Announcements – JA announced the back to school picnic for 9/1 from 2-5pm. LZ announced a goal of distributing room assignments by 8/19.
10. BT motioned to adjourn the meeting. EE seconded the motion. All present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

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