

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Thursday, November 17th, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 7:16pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey, Laura Hansen, Steve Fix (7:18pm), Jed Silberg, Matt Leonard, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Roland Paulnitsky. Absent: Helen Lee, Norman Gelfand, Arthur Regalado.
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote of members present to approve agenda.
- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve minutes from October 24th, 2016.
- Principal's Report
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: The school budget was reviewed with the LSC so that the LSC could consider using unallocated funds to open up the part-time Literacy position to a full-time position and fill the teacher vacancy; The online component Think Central was turned off without notice, but since the school is considering a new reading curriculum, the renewal cost of \$15,894.00 does not seem like a smart expenditure for the school; Mrs. Regalado is overseeing the process of closing the current Chase Bank/CPS account and opening a new one due to the fraudulent activity discussed at previous meetings.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: Teachers reviewed the CIWP strategies during the November 4, 2016 School Improvement Day; REACH observations have begun per CPS/Union guidelines; Classrooms went on various field trips to the Lyric Opera at Lane Tech, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Apollo Theater.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Students participated in a Mock Election; 6th grade students participated in Certamen on November 15, 2016; Student Congress sponsored the Cubs/Decatur Spirit Days.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency D: Various school events including Open House for Prospective Parents, the PTA sponsored Halloween Party, Book Swap, Report Card Pick-Up, and Chicago Children's Choir shirt fittings took place.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency E: Ms. Kukielka participated in Principal Eligibility Interviews and led the School Improvement Day discussion regarding differentiation.
- Committee Reports
 - CIWP: redefined the strategies and hone in on winter movements; upcoming meeting
 - Expansion Update: Trumbull may be an available option, developers will be asking the Board of Ed to amend contract to allow the building to be a private school; Board has to approve it to be condo/theater or a private school. (Dec. 7 Board of Ed meeting); Josh Butcher of West Andersonville Neighbors Together will write

a letter to the Board of Ed and Ald. O'Connor expressing concerns over amending the contract to allow Trumbull to be sold to a private school.

- New Business
 - Fundraising Requests: There were no fundraising requests.
- Public Comment
 - No public comment made.
- Next Meeting: December 12th, 2016 (Closed Session); December 13th, 2016 (Principal Contract)
- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:30pm.