

**Decatur Classical School
Local School Council**

Minutes Meeting on Thursday, September 15th, 2016

- Meeting called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 7:11pm.
- Roll call:
 - Members present: Timothy McCaffrey, Laura Hansen, Steve Fix, Jed Silberg, Helen Lee, Susan Kukielka, Marianne Sharping, Katherine Thomas, Roland Paulnitsky, Norman Gelfand, Arthur Regalado. Absent: none.
- 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 vote of 10 yays and 1 abstention to approve minutes from September 15th, 2016.
- Principal's Report
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency A: Decatur's Crossing Guard, Glendora retired on Sept. 9, 2016. Decatur has not been assigned a crossing guard and the school has been in touch with the Alderman's Office and the Office of Emergency Management Center to resolve the situation. Mrs. Jockl, Ms. Kukielka, and Mrs. C. Gatling-Martin have been assisting with crossing guard duties in the interim. Decatur has 3 bus companies, Alltown, R&D, and First Student. The monthly bank statement and internal accounts report provided to the LSC contains all information needed to monitor the school's internal accounts. Decatur's student enrollment as of Sept. 15, 2016 = 287; projected enrollment was 286. Decatur will need to balance some negative pointer lines in the budget, but will wait until the 10th day adjustment. Teachers continue to work on and monitor progress on CIWP goals during weekly meetings and future staff development days.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency B: New staff members to Decatur were introduced: Ms. Amanda Rogowski (1st grade, Room 104) and Mr. Andrew Brennan (4th grade, Room 109). Teachers and staff participated in opening week professional development including, MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support), Diabetes training, Bloodborne Pathogens training, ADHD training, Students in Temporary Living Situations, PARCC and Common Core, and REACH Orientation Training. All teachers are participating in goal setting for individual professional development with Ms. Kukielka and Ms. Kukielka will be meeting with the Network Chief for her Leadership Development Plan.
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency C: Decatur was not chosen to receive funding for the After School All Stars Grant, but the school will continue to run programs supported by parents and teachers: Science Olympiad, Chess Club, Little Linguists, Run Club, Battle of the Books, NEW this year - Decatur Classical Newspaper (Gr. 4-5)
 - Principal Professional Practice Competency D: The new Decatur website is up and running thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Page. Various school events took place during the month, including, School Supply Drop-off, PTA sponsored Coffee, Scholastic Book

Fair, and Open House for Parents/Guardians. Opportunities for volunteers have been communicated via Tuesday Take-Home; Mrs. L. Symons is the Parent Volunteer Coordinator and is accepting questions and volunteers.

- Principal Professional Practice Competency E: Ms. Kukielka was selected by the Office of Principal Quality Development to be a CPS Principal Eligibility assessor to help build a strong pool of eligible principal candidates. Ms. Kukielka has accepted the invitation.

- Committee Reports
 - Request to get committees established

- New Business
 - Fundraising Requests – school photos, jog-a-thon, 6th grade graduation activities, scholastic book fair – motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve fundraising requests.
 - LSC Parent Vacancy – need to fill parent vacancy by the next LSC meeting; motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to fill the parent vacancy in the same manner as last vacancy.
 - LSC Vice-Chair Position – motion was made and approved by unanimous voice vote to name Steve Fix as LSC Vice-Chair.

- Public Comment
 - Public comment made.

- Old Business
 - Proposed Expansion/Relocation to Eugene Field Elementary School – motion was made and approved by a vote of 10 yays and 1 nay to write a letter of support for Alderman's Moore's proposal to expand/relocate Decatur to Eugene Field Elementary School.

- Next Meeting: October 20th, 2016.

- Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:44pm.