

Minutes

Nicholas Senn High School Local School Council
5900 North Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660
Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:15 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm in the Ramis Theater.

The following members were present: Principal Mary Beck, Candance Moore, Mansi Kathuria, Joe Lev, Mark Lupescu, Terrell Walsh, David Gregg, Toylean Bolton, Vassiliki (Kiki) Kouchoukos

Members absent: Aysha Ahmad

There was a quorum at 6:18 pm.

Current August Meeting Agenda was approved (Motion - Kouchoukos; seconded by Lupescu)
July 2018 Organizational Meeting Minutes were approved (Motion - Gregg; seconded by Kouchoukos)

Chair report: Raised \$450 for Senn at Edgefest - 10 volunteers

Principal Report: Construction is progressing - foyer almost complete; counseling suite has flooring and will use temporary doors until mid-September; Bathrooms also in progress; anticipated finish by Aug. 31. Old lockers are returning and new lockers are expected end of September. New gym will be ready by Aug. 29. PE classes may begin outside.

Rickover is leaving the Senn campus at end of 2018-19 SY. Senn will receive \$10M to upgrade facility. We will form a committee for campus reclamation project involving all stakeholders.

Hiring updates: open SPED, English, and Arabic positions remain

Enrollment numbers are lower for incoming freshman class; fewer students transferred out than in the past. Overall enrollment is 1392; last year 1444. Arts classes are particularly lower. Rolling auditions starting in October as well as students' ability to change their rank through January should help encourage students to rank Senn higher. Local 8th grade feeder classes are larger this year. Working to get automatic acceptance to Senn for all students who attend 8 local feeder schools, like GROW Community that takes place for Amundsen and Lake View High Schools.

'Instructional Priorities' were developed by leadership teams and lead toward a positive culture for learning. Handout was distributed.

New Communication Plans - external and internal - were developed. Summary of plan was distributed. Question about translation arose for parent communications. Volunteers will be sought to assist.

Friends of Senn: Oct. 6 is Senntober Fest, 12pm-4pm; updates are on Facebook; volunteers are needed, permitting is being sought for alcohol sales; meetings are held immediately before LSC meetings from 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Communication: Kouchoukos joined Edgewater Environment Sustainability Project (EESP) to get more community members involved as we reclaim the Senn campus

New Business: Motion to give Principal Beck authority to make purchases up to \$10,000 without LSC approval by Walsh; seconded by Lupescu. Approved by all

4 nominees for 3 vacancies to parent representative position on LSC. Candidates present spoke in the following order: Kimberly McMorris, Gina Eshu, Kevin Kaufmann. Statement of absent nominee Thomas McClurg read by Kouchoukos.

Kouchoukos moves LSC move into closed session; Moore seconds, all approve; minutes for closed session were audio recorded.

Open session resumes at 7:18 pm.

Kouchoukos moves that Kevin Kaufmann be appointed to one of the open parent representative positions. Lev seconded. All approved.

Kouchoukos moves that Gina Eshu be appointed to one of the open parent representative positions. Walsh seconded. All approved.

Kouchoukos moves that Kimberly McMorris be appointed to one of the open parent representative positions. Gregg seconded. All approved.

Kouchoukos moves to adjourn at 7:21 pm; Lupescu seconded. All approved