

Meeting Minutes: LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Details: 6:30 PM on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom

Following are the meeting minutes. Original posted Meeting Agenda items are listed with the meeting minutes noted directly below.

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Emily Haite called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum

Present: Matthew Beaudet, Billy Cashman, Maureen George, Emily Haite, Daniel Law, Anne Lokken, Patricia O'Keefe, Ana Scales, Laura Symons, Brian Tennison, Dannixa Velez, Katharine Whittaker Gomez and Benjamin Wong

Absent: None

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Approve Agenda

Motion: Approve meeting agenda for the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting with an amendment to discuss student fees (no vote) in Old Business

By: Emily Haite **Second:** Ben Wong

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

4. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve meeting minutes from the May 12, 2020 regular

meeting.

By: Anne Lokken

Second: Patricia O'Keefe

Vote: All in favor

Result: Motion passes

5. Public Participation – 2 minutes each – Emily Haite, Lane LSC Chairperson, made a public statement regarding Lane's continued commitment to addressing equity in light of current events. She also congratulated the Lane Class of 2020, and thanked everyone who helped with the drive-through and virtual ceremonies. Public comments were made regarding Quick Start registration (current status unknown), and Lane's School Resource Officer (discussed below under New Business).

6. Reports

a. Principal Report – Principal Tennison reported that Lane's U.S. History and Civics courses would meaningfully include more voices, including Black, Latinx, Indigenous and LGBTQ+ voices. Equity and inclusion will be part of every decision made a Lane. The Lane administration is committed to listening and learning in order to ensure an inclusive school culture.

Principal Tennison reported regarding locker clean out and graduation ceremonies (LTAC 8th graders and seniors). Administrators are currently working on a plan for Quick Start registration, and will edit and adapt as needed.

- b. Budget No report.
- c. PPLC –No report.
- d. Friends of Lane The Friends of Lane (FOL) report was given by incoming FOL president, Nikki Pesch. FOL held two very successful (virtual) parent events regarding college admissions. They have raised approximately \$40,000 related to the postponed Green and Gold Gala (from parents who waived ticket refunds + an anonymous donation of \$20,000). FOL has launched a new tech drive, and has allocated funds for 1,000 new computers. A Lane parent owned businesses webpage has launched.
- e. Community survey results LSC member Laura Symons reviewed staff and parent survey results. Overall, Lane continues to score high across all metrics, with some areas for improvement.

7. New Business

- a. Check Approvals None
- b. Fundraiser Approvals None

- c. SRO The LSC discussed the Lane School Resource Officer (SRO). Multiple communications were received by the LSC questioning the placement of an SRO in the building. Mr. Tennison reported the officer is not involved in student discipline, but is intended to be a deterrent/protector in the case of an active shooter situation. Lane does not get funds from CPS if the LSC declines to have an SRO. This issue will continue to be discussed by the LSC.
- 8. Old Business The LSC discussed the possibility of increasing school fees due to additional technology expenses associated with the move to one-to-one technology. Assistant Principal Damir Ara presented information on the topic. He noted the move to one-to-one technology is a major step forward for Lane in terms of equity. He proposed increasing the general fee by \$25 to partially cover the additional technology expenses associated with the new program. This is a much lower fee than charged by similarly situated high schools. Fee waivers would still apply. The LSC will vote on the fee increase at its next meeting.
- 9. Announcements LSC elections will take place in November at report card pick-up. The new term starts January 1, 2021.
- 10. Move to closed session for principal evaluation 8:15 PM

Motion: To move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the

principal performance evaluation. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

By: Anne Lokken

Second: Maureen George **Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes

11. Return to Open Session 9:02 PM

Motion: To approve the principal evaluation as discussed in closed

session

By: Anne Lokken Second: Ana Scales

Vote: Unanimous, all in favor (No vote by Student Billy Cashman)

Result: Motion Passes

12. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 9:18 PM

By: Emily Haite

Second: Laura Symons **Vote:** Unanimous, all in favor

Result: Motion Passes