

The **November 14, 2022** regular meeting of the Local School Council Advisory Board was called to order by the chairperson Gray at 6:08 p.m. via Google Meet. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance were: Ursula Taylor, Israel Flores, Froylan Jimenez, Michael E. Brunson, Thomas Gray, Vincente Sanchez, Theodria Constanopolis, Sergio Ramirez

Members not in attendance were: Ebonie Davis, Keisha Kidan

Approval of the Agenda: Ursula Taylor moved to approve the agenda, Vincente Sanchez seconded; all were in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

The minutes of the **October 17, 2022** meeting were approved with the only correction to add the middle initial “E” to Mr. Michael E. Brunson’s name. Theodria Constanopolis seconded; all were in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Presentations were given by the following:

“School SRO Decisions”, Jadine Chou, Chief Officer, Safety and Security | Chicago Public Schools

- CPS Board of Education resolution in 2020 to “reimagine” school safety to reduce school resource officers (SROs) from the Chicago Police Department at schools
- Schools could trade in school resource officers for alternative safety interventions. • There has been \$3.8M in traded-in funds for staffing (climate and culture coordinator, security officer, restorative justice coordinator, youth intervention specialist, MTSS coordinator, school social service assistant, miscellaneous worker, assistant principal, student intervention specialist) or programs (professional development, safe passage program, OSEL) in lieu of the SRO.
- Once a school resource officer is removed, however, it cannot be reinstated, per Board resolution. In addition to the Board resolution, there are also budget constraints, staffing constraints and a strategic commitment to not reinstate
- CPS has found that the majority of safety concerns raised by schools are not immediately or directly solved through police officers. Moving resources to clinicians like counselors or mental health experts can more effectively address issues.
- Who has SROs to trade in for funds? Elementary schools do not have SROs. 20 years ago every high school had SROs and then it decreased. The trade-in funds are only available to those schools who have SROs. The thinking was that schools that did not have SROs did not need the supports. However, Chou can help advocate for those resources outside of this process and is willing to talk to schools who need extra supports.
- A good place to analyze data and understand root issues is within the school Safety Committee. Talking to students is another way to understand root issues and climate.

“Principal Advisory Committee - Accountability Redesign - Proposed Engagement Plan”

Vanessa Williams-Johnson , Principal, Dubois Elementary School | Chicago Public Schools and co-host Chad Thomas, Director of Principal Engagement, leader or Principal Advisory Council

that advises CEO

- Re-design of accountability policy- still a work in process.
 - Two years of work was finalized on November 4 by the Accountability Advisory Group.
- There will be a stakeholder feedback phase, and feedback may be submitted via Google forms. Principals will present at LSC meetings, and then there will be in-person townhall meetings across the city.
- There will be opportunity for public comments starting on Feb. 17. CPS hopes that changes will be made and included following the feedback phase.
- Board of Education vote on April 19. Rationales for any changes pursuant to feedback will be explained in May
- As part of the accountability redesign, there will no longer be school ratings of 1+, 1, 2, etc. There will be a platform with categories such as safety, etc.
- School accountability is required by state policy. The policy goal of the Accountability Redesign is to determine and share the “whole story” of the school, as opposed to just giving a school a red or a yellow color and number ranking, and thereby allow families to make more informed choices about where to send their kids to school.

Director’s Report, Kishasha Ford

- On-demand self-pace training has launched on OLSCR website
- Non-CPS LSC members must complete background checks.
- LSCAB Election update: next term begins July 1, 2023 and runs to June 30, 2025. Deadline to submit application to run is January 17, 2023. Then there are candidate forums and voting in the spring.
- Student representative SY24 term is a one-year term starting July 1, 2023. Student nomination period ends Feb. 3, 2023.
- Proposed amendments to LSC Board Rules:
 - Board Rule 6-28, LSC Board member eligibility re what it means to qualify and remain an LSC member.
 - Board Rule 6-29, re loss of eligibility due to ethics violations.
 - Board Rule 6-30, re removal of members for certain criminal convictions.

Public Participation

- OLSCR is working with the Department of Civic Engagement to provide forthcoming advice on how to engage student voice in LSCs through the student representatives.

Old Business. Reestablish Health and Safety Committee. No action taken. No members indicated a desire to lead the committee; it was discussed that we could revisit in the future.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by motion made Froylan Jimenez and seconded by Ursula Taylor.

Next meeting will be held on December 19, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

These minutes were approved on December 19, 2022