

New Field School

Local School Council

Notice is hereby given that the LSC has called a regular meeting

Tuesday, March 10 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM

New Field School Library: 1707 W. Morse Ave

Live stream link: meet.google.com/ghn-iozc-ods

AGENDA:

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Bledsoe at 5:04 p.m. Motion was approved by Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele,, Jennifer Nelson, and Hannah Kardon.

2. Roll Call

Sarah Bledsoe, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, and Hannah Kardon were all in attendance.

3. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Sarah Bledsoe. Motion was approved by Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, and Hannah Kardon.

4. Approval of [February 2026 minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from February's meeting was made by Sarah Bledsoe. Motion was approved by Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, and Hannah Kardon.

Motion was made by Sarah Bledsoe to amend the minutes in order to correct the spelling of Pari Karim's name and to add Jenn Bricker's voting record. Motion was approved by Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, and Hannah Kardon.

Mohammed Mehdi arrived at 5:07 p.m.

5. Old Business

a. Q4 Incentive Plan Update

The current plan is in place for 2nd and 4th grades.

The first cycle will last for 12 school days.

The 2nd cycle will include a Chicago Fire incentive.

Students need to maintain at least 90% attendance and have no more than 2 major incidents.

Students who are currently on a behavior incentive plan can qualify by meeting their benchmarks.

Sheila Ongay arrived at 5:09 p.m.

March 17th is a Professional Development Day for teachers.

The Culture and Climate Team will create a plan for students who will not be participating in the current cycle's incentive plan.

4th grade is a priority area of focus, due to some high level incidents.

Parent conferences may be scheduled for families of students who do not participate.

A special activity would be provided for students who are not participating (may be unique to specific students).

We'll reflect on how well things go, and possibly switch to a classroom goal the second time around.

We'll share out about the first cycle during the next LSC meeting (in April).

b. Friends of New Field updates

Hannah Kardon will not be able to do the Friends of New Field, but will work to connect with those that are interested.

c. New Field Response to ICE/Federal Interactions & Protect RP Updates

Jenn Bricker shared that there has been an uptick citywide and that tactics have recently changed.

Mutual Aid is getting off the ground, and groups are working on legal support, food, mental health, etc.

School patrols are continuing, and families are continuing to walk students to and from school.

6. New Business

a. [2027-2029 CIWP Updates: LSC Feedback](#)

Feedback was collected during Academic Night, and a survey link has been shared.

7. Budget Amendments

None at this time

8. Reports:

a. Principal Report

March - 1st grade team has been piloting a new math curriculum (Eureka Squared). Middle of year math assessment results show that 1st grade

students are outpacing growth goals since the implementation of the curriculum. 1st grade teachers are expressing a positive view of the curriculum.

The team will lead an information session and answer staff members' questions, as well as guide teachers in previewing the curriculum.

On April 3rd a Eureka Math sales rep will be out to give an overview during our Professional Development Day.

Teachers will also be able to observe lessons in action in 1st grade classrooms. A decision regarding purchasing the new curriculum will be made by May 1st.

ILT is continuing to work on our new CIWP.

End of year spending priorities are usually shared in April (budget should come out soon).

Opportunity Index is used to plan for the next year's budget (this changes from year to year).

We have a lower OI than school year 2025 (we will have some decrease in allocation).

Two of the areas that showed decrease (lower enrollment of ELs, and a big drop in STLS status)

An update will be shared during our meeting in April.

Domain 3

Pre-K has been participating in a new program (Building Connections Family Grant).

The Traveling Zoo will be visiting soon.

The CMSA Robotics Team came and visited 3rd grade classrooms.

The OST program has restarted and is serving 320 students overall.

(Table Tennis and Girls on the Run, Bollywood, a Mentoring Program, and Recycling will be starting back up).

The Student Voice Committee will be doing a fundraiser for Lurie Children's Hospital.

The BHT did MOY pop-ins using a checklist for universal practices/look fors.

They will be debriefing their findings on March 17th

Domain 4:

Ms. Andes is out on a medical leave and her replacement is being onboarded.

Ms. Andes was able to help with the interview process.

Mr. Kyle is back as a school assistant, and Ms. Rachel should be back April 27th.

CPS Common Application - resident principal programs (Conrey always applies)

A 3rd custodian should start on March 25th.

Spring cleaning will take place during Spring Break

b. Parent Advisory Committee/ NCLB (PAC)

Next meeting will be during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

c. Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC)

Minutes were shared with the agenda - they have one meeting left during this school year.

A presentation took place with an outside provider.

d. PPLC

No new information to share at this time.

9. Public Comment

None at this time

10. Vote to move into Closed Session (Principal Evaluation Process)

Sarah Bledsoe made a motion to go to closed session at 5:49 p.m.

Motion was approved by Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Sheila Ongay, Jennifer Nelson, Hannah Kardon, and Mohammed Mehdi.

11. SY2026 Principal Evaluation Process

Motion to return to open session was made by Sheila Ongay at 6:25 p.m.

Motion was approved by Sarah Bledsoe, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, Hannah Kardon, and Mohammed Mehdi.

12. Agenda items for next meeting

A vote on the principal evaluation will take place at the next meeting.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Sheila Ongay at 6:27 p.m.

Motion approved by Sarah Bledsoe, Jenn Bricker, Pari Karim, Erica Payne-Gaitan, Jayson Dombele, Jennifer Nelson, Hannah Kardon, and Mohammed Mehdi.