

New Field School

Local School Council

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 | 5:00-7:00 PM | New Field School Library: 1707 W. Morse Ave

Live Stream Link: meet.google.com/drt-tqsg-dur

AGENDA:

1. Call to order

Sarah Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Jenn Bricker, Cynthia Taines, Conrey Callahan, Angela Papa, and Jennifer Nelson.

2. Roll Call

Pari Karim, Sarah Bledsoe, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, and Angela Papa were all in attendance.

3. Approval of agenda

Motion was made by Sarah Bledsoe to amend the agenda in order to include a discussion focused on "Friends of" (parent organization to be discussed under new business).

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, and Angela Papa.

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Sarah Bledsoe.

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, and Angela Papa.

4. [Approval of minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes from July's meeting by Sarah Bledsoe. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, and Angela Papa.

Mohammed Medhi arrived at 5:06

5. Old Business

None at this time.

6. New Business

Protect RP (Protect Rogers Park) is reconvening. They had a short meeting on Sunday, August 31st. Ideas discussed included passing out "Know Your Rights" materials and starting Walking Clubs that include sharing a map of the neighborhood and starting a few hubs for walking together. This will help community members form relationships and will help ensure that students make it to school by walking together. The goal is that the group will have staying power and will continue.

Information will be distributed and there may be a community game night. Four different walking hubs will be established to start (more will be added down the road).

The group is open to new ideas and feedback.

Conrey will continue to work with impacted families.

a. Vote on new LSC Community Representative

We've received two applications.

Motion to move to closed session made by Sarah Bledsoe. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

Closed session started at 5:15

Motion to end closed session was made by Sarah Bledsoe at 5:22. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

Motion to reopen session was made by Sarah Bledsoe at 5:24. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

Motion to approve Jason Dombebe as a Community Representative for made by Sarah Bledsoe.

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

b. Fundraising Approvals:

- i. School Photos - School pictures will take place on Wednesday, October 8th
We will make a small profit (this includes kindergarten graduation photos).
We can decide how to utilize the profits (unsure of the exact amount)
- ii. Scholastic Book Fair
This will be scheduled for right after Thanksgiving. We can get cash from the sales, and the profits can also go towards Scholastic dollars (these can be used to replenish books in our school library).
- iii. Apparel Sales
Upcharge is approximately \$2 that we make off of each item from student apparel sales.
- iv. Fall Fest
Currently we do not have any money budgeted for this year's Fall Fest.
This may require an additional discussion.
- v. McTeacher Night (6740 N. Clark St) → Movie Night SY26
McTeacher Night would consist of us partnering with McDonald's at the corner. Staff and community members would work behind the counter. This could be a good opportunity for building community, and funds could enable a movie night.
We would need to get a date on the books (we would receive a percent of whatever was sold that evening).

These items might be moved to "Friends of" once it's established.

Motion to approve the general fundraising was made by Sarah Bledsoe.

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

We will not have the t-shirt expense this time around. We could vote to use internal accounts money, and we might be able to recruit staff/community members to take care of face painting and provide possible sponsorships.

c. Internal Accounts Expenditures

i. Attendance Team coaching/Professional Development

The Malott Fellowship ended in June. An attendance PD is being provided to a few different schools and we'd like to continue participating. There was a 10% decrease in chronic absences last year, and we'd love to continue that trend.

These funds would come from Building Lease Income.

We also want to sustain SECA professional learning throughout the year.

Our building lease profit could change, and a check is coming from the YMCA. It would cost \$3000 for a whole year of coaching.

ii. Furniture

Not needed at this time.

iii. Urban Initiatives Soccer/SEL Program

CPS has not released any updates about after school funding. We would like to continue running two soccer teams. This soccer teams are very popular with students and have become a staple of our after school program. We can continue with one team for a significantly reduced cost. We will be able to stay on the roster for the year for \$1000 (we could also use Boxtops for Education money).

iv. Staff shirts, parent mentor program shirts

We typically buy these shirts for Teacher Appreciation Week, and Parent Mentor participants wear t-shirts when working in the classroom.

v. Broom & Dust Pan for classrooms

A third custodian came today, and we may not need extra cleaning supplies.

vi. Springboard afterschool program

Foundational reading and writing skills are strengthened through this program, and data shows that 79% of students participating in the program met their assessment reading-based growth goals.

A significant jump was noted with 2nd and 3rd graders.

This is an established partnership that provides tutoring to support academic growth.

The cost is \$195 per student for a class of 20 students (this cost is separate from what we would pay staff for that program). Building lease income could be used to cover the cost. The total would be close to \$10,000.

OST funds are usually a separate funding source.

Funding has been released by the federal government, but we don't know when the funds will be released (if the funding is provided, we'll be able to use OST funds to cover the costs).

This should be confirmed by September 12th.

A motion was made by Sarah Bledsoe to approve these internal accounts expenditures.

Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

d. Budget Amendments

- i. Adjusting funding sources for Professional Development and instructional materials

The account code is currently 54555 (used for seminars and fees). We would like to shift it to a code for Professional Services, to be used with school-based coaches.

- ii. STLS Tutoring (possible Springboard) using STLS funds

We would like to move funds over to a bucket to pay for a homework club (this would be similar to last year). The club would consist of before or after care and includes tutoring.

Motion to approve budget amendments was made by Sarah Bledsoe. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.

7. Reports:

a. Principal Report

Domain One

Ms. Callahan and Mr. Lopez will be running assemblies (the planning load is minimized for teachers) to provide released planning time.

On Friday pre-made read alouds and lessons are ready to go for guest teachers.

Domain Two

The Pre-K team has earned a gold circle rating (earned by observations from outside visitors).

The ILT content leads will be engaged in a PLC focused on student teaming and discourse structures. ILT members will build capacity and share their learning.

Launching in week 6 or 7, Ms. Dupuis, Ms. Zicco, and Ms. McConnell will begin supporting early career teachers.

Domain 3 - Climate and Culture

We'll have one Healthy Student Market per month (on the fourth Thursday of each month).

We've had some changes to our crossing guards. We have new staff members (we lost one crossing guard).

CDOT is starting to start helping with signage

A video camera may be placed at Clark and Morse.

Regarding enrollment for SY27, we can anticipate a decrease in funding.

There is a decrease in kindergarten enrollment for the current year.

We currently have about 18 students per classroom in kindergarten.

Our average class size in 3rd is 17.5 students.

A number of students in 2nd and 3rd grade had siblings going to 5th grade, and this Impact enrollment.

Next year's funding model may change, but this may impact teachers for next year.

Domain 4 - Talent

Ms. Paz retired during the summer.

Ms. Rosen and Ms. Hamel are new 2nd grade teachers

Mr. Henderson is our new school cadre.

Mrs. Petrasz will return from maternity leave at the end of September

On Friday we were granted one additional SECA position. We we will call back impacted SECAS from New Field to see who would like to return.

PAC has not met yet.

BAC will meet tomorrow at 9 am (on September 3rd).

8. Public Comment

No comments at this time.

9. Agenda items for next meeting

Renew the church rental

Fall Fest

State of the School (if released)

10. Adjourn

11. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sarah Bledsoe at 6:39. Motion was approved by Pari Karim, Conrey Callahan, Jenn Bricker, Jennifer Nelson, Cynthia Taines, Angela Papa, and Mohammed Mehdi.