

MINUTES OF MEETING

THE OGDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHICAGO

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, June 15, 2009 – 6:00 PM

OGDEN SCHOOL LIBRARY

PRESENT: Stanley Kusper Jr., John Bradshaw, Ken Staral, Chris Chantry (6:30pm), Robin Moore (6:10pm), Jennifer Coufal, Madalyn Freund, and Dona Williams,

ABSENT: Dennis Thorn, Laura Ledesma, David Ramos

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order by President Kusper at 6:05 pm and welcome to guests and PTA representative Angelos.
2. The LSC approved the minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting following a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Freund.
3. Public Comments: None
4. Closed Meeting: None
5. Reports:
 - Friends of Ogden – Ms. Williams reported no new information on Friends of Ogden activities other than the planned June 18th final function at Ogden school prior to the demolition. She also reported that as a 501c3 organization, with an auditor, a treasury report on the financial activities is not required and would not be shared with the LSC. Only estimates on funding activities will be provided on occasion.
 - PTA – Mr. Sanford Angelos reported on PTA activities and the plans for putting the Sally Foster program on-line this year. Also, the Entertainment books may not be offered due to increased pricing and lower profit margins.
 - PPLC –No new business or issues to report.
 - Status of Budget and Internal Accounts - Mr. Staral distributed copies of the April and May Balance Sheet and other financial reports for review by the LSC.
 - Mr. Staral reported on Special Education issues, in particular those involving facility

modifications at Truth School and staffing requirements for the programs at both facilities.

- Mr. Staral determined that a \$2.00 parking charge for teachers at Carpenter does not apply to Ogden staff.
- As Ogden will include a High School next year, an election must be held for 1 HS student to join the LSC.
- Ogden will take over the hearing impaired program at Carpenter next year.
- Community and parent meetings were held in June concerning both the new building plans for the East campus and an open house at Truth, the temporary location for the pre-k through grade 5 classes.
- Mr. Staral explained some of the difficult system issues with a combined elementary and high school student body. As an example, the report cards at the West campus will be generated on high school forms for all students.
- Class schedules have been completed for next year and staffing changes are almost complete. At least 9 teacher positions have been added so far.
- Facility changes at Truth and Carpenter will start soon to accommodate the needs of the high school and to modify Truth as needed to facilitate the smart boards in each class. All technology equipment will move to the respective facility next week and the remainder of the furniture, books, and equipment the last week of June. Ogden will have 3 classes of each grade, except for 5th grade, which will have 2 classrooms.
- A parent funded pre-k program will be available at the Child Parent Center located near the Truth facility. The program has extended hours, 7:30 to 5:30, to provide daycare as well as school instruction from 9:00 to 3:30.
- Plants from Ogden will be relocated to Carpenter and Truth, and the city will relocate the trees to other locations, perhaps to Washington Park.
- Ogden staff will work with the Chicago Park District to use sports facilities, possibly including the pool at a nearby park facility.

6. Old Business:

- Mr. Staral reported in detail, the current status of the academic and physical changes needed at both facilities as he prepares to open both the Carpenter and Truth facilities as the new locations for the high school and temporary location for the pre-K through

5 collectively as THE OGDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHICAGO. The projected opening date for the new East Campus school building remains January 2012.

- Mr. Staral reported that the city and CPS are considering closing Walton to auto and CTA bus traffic completely for loading and unloading of Ogden school buses in the morning and afternoon. Buses for both campuses would stage in front of the Newberry Library and traffic would be diverted to Oak St.
- Ms. Moore asked how the Carpenter shared facilities were to be managed now that the majority of the students are from Ogden. Mr. Staral stated that the CPS will appoint a “Campus Manager” to assist as needed to schedule the use of shared facilities such as the lunchroom, auditorium, and visitor entrance.
- East campus parking valet will be allowed to use the playground until July 26, which is when a fence will be installed around the facility to begin demolition and excavation work.
- Ms. Coufal expressed concern over the lack of “Green” areas available in the new facility. A letter will be drafted to inquire on solar, roof access, and other ideas.

7. New Business:

- Mr. Staral presented the FY 2010 Discretionary Budget, a total of \$313,860. The budget process was delayed and further complicated due to the changes regarding the startup of the high school this year. The budget, as presented, was unanimously approved by the LSC on a roll call vote following a motion to approve by Ms. Freund and seconded by Mr. Chantry.
- The next regular and organizational meeting date set for August 31, 2009

8. Announcements:

- June 18th is the final fundraising function to be held at the Ogden facility

9. Date and Agenda Items for next Meeting:

The LSC selected the following dates for regular Ogden LSC meetings for the 2008 - 2009 school year. Unless otherwise indicated or announced, all meetings will be held in the Ogden School Library at 6:00 p.m.

- **Monday, August 31, 2009 Regular & Organizational Meeting**

10. Adjournment: Following a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Ms. Moore, the LSC

meeting adjourned by unanimous roll call vote at 7:11 pm.