

The Ogden International School of Chicago Local School Council

Notice Is Hereby Given that the Ogden Local School Council has scheduled a Regular Meeting on **Saturday, October 15, 2016, at 9:00 AM**, to be held at **Ogden East Campus**, 24 W. Walton St., Chicago.

The Agenda for the meeting will be the following:

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
Hennessy called to order at 9:02am
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum
Present
Beyer
Celio
Hopp
Hennessy
Martinez
Moore
Smedley
Speizer
Vaughan
Present by phone
Wells
Absent
Baker
Frits
Ramos
Quorum established
3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
Moore motions to approve agenda. Beyer seconds. Approved.
Moore motions to approve minutes. Vaughan seconds. Approved.
4. Announcements/Introduction and Welcome of Guests
None
5. Public Comment
6. Reports
 - Friends of Ogden
No report
 - PTA
No report
 - PPLC
Vaughan reported -East Campus began looking at individual grade level to ensure that it is inquiry based and aligned with central ideas of each unit. Also looking at math tasks. There is a math lead teacher at every grade level.

- High School-Student Liaison
Martinez reported -Last night was homecoming. Preliminary numbers -Sold approx. 232 tickets (\$3,480) Money raised will go towards senior prom. Next Wednesday is PSAT testing for freshman, sophomores and juniors. Seniors will be in building working on college applications. November 3 is an evening of Fine Arts.
 - Booster Club
Todd Toborg reported -First soccer clinic had 40 students. Raised approx.\$800 Rescheduling Bears Watch party from November 4 to December 4.
 - BAC (Bilingual Advisory Council)
Beyer read BAC report -East Campus has 125 English language learners with 30 different language backgrounds. BAC orientation meeting was held on October 12. Cara Kranz reported about 30 parents attended.
 - Principal
Status of Budget, Internal Accounts and Budget Action
CIWP
 - Beyer reported State of the School has been postponed. Date to be announced. The SQRP (School Quality Rating Policy) scores announced. High School received Level 1+ and Elementary received Level 1.
 - SEED meetings will begin this week. Will be meeting once a month.
 - Girls volleyball and boys soccer teams are in the playoffs.
 - Thanks to senior committee leadership for organizing homecoming, pep rally and flag football game.
 - Options for Knowledge Program-Lottery process that allows Ogden to fill classes that are under-enrolled. This is an option that could reduce fluctuations in enrollment from year to year in hopes to match CPS projected enrollment and save money.
7. New Business
none
8. Old Business
NextLevel
Beyer read a letter from the Ogden-Jenner Community Steering Committee dated October 12, titled "Status of the analysis of NextLevel NPO for potential merger". (See attached letter)
Speizer asked that the NextLevel report be shared with the public.
9. Public Comment
10. Date and Location of Next Meeting
November 21, 2016, 6pm West Campus, 1250 W. Erie Street
11. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn Moore. Seconded Beyer. Adjourned.

*** Note: Items not specifically listed on the Agenda may be discussed but cannot be voted or acted upon. In addition, the Council may enter Closed Session as the need arises during the course of the meeting.**

To: Ogden International School ("Ogden") Local School Council and
Jenner Academy of the Arts ("Jenner") Local School Council

From: Jenner Ogden Community Steering Committee ("Steering Committee")¹

Date: October 12, 2016

Re: Status of Analysis by NextLevelNPO ("Next Level") for Potential Merger

The Jenner Ogden Community Steering Committee is a group comprised of Ogden and Jenner parents, community members and faith leaders. This committee was formed to continue efforts started in the fall of 2015 to address the potential overcrowding at Ogden and under enrollment at Jenner, and to determine whether a school merger could address the uneven utilization and the educational inequities that exist between the schools.

The Steering Committee was formalized in May 2016 after securing a grant from the Chicago Community Trust and letter of support from Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Chief Education Officer Janice Jackson to engage an independent consultant in a community-driven process to examine whether a merger, among other options, would best serve the needs of each school community. In June 2016, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) serving as our fiscal agent, hired independent consultant Next Level to explore these options taking the perspectives of all affected into account.

Next Level has spent the last several months gathering extensive parent and community input, interviewing key experts, stakeholders and local leaders. The independent consultant's work culminated at the end of September with the completion of an analysis report that was delivered to CPS on September 28, 2016. **Accompanying the consultant's report was a memo from the Steering Committee to CPS that recommends that Jenner and Ogden be combined to form one school serving the Near North community.** This deadline is commensurate with state rules governing school action, which require time for CPS to review the recommendation, develop a proposed implementation plan, and present it to the Board of Education for a school action vote in December 2016.

As of today, the Steering Committee is waiting for a response from CPS regarding next steps, scheduling a meeting and to answer any questions from the analysis of options and recommendations.

¹ Aaron Balsam (Jenner neighborhood community member), Randall K. Blakey (LaSalle Street Church), Deidre Brewster (Near North Community Member), Cira Conley (Ogden Parent), Hattie Dennis (Jenner student caregiver), Michelle Dreczynski (Near North Unity Program), Seth Limmer (Chicago Sinai Congregation), Betsy Olesker Tomas (Ogden parent), Muna Walker (Ogden Parent), Rochelle Satchell (Jenner Graduate and former Parent), Sharon Wheeler (Near North Unity Program)