The December 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Local School Council Advisory Board was called to order by the chairperson Gray at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom. A quorum was present.

Members in attendance were: Ursula Taylor, Michael E. Brunson, Thomas Gray, Vincente Sanchez, Theodria Constanopolis, Sergio Ramirez, Keisha Kidan, Israel Flores (joined at 6:11PM)

Members not in attendance were: Ebonie Davis, Froylan Jimenez,

Approval of the Agenda: All were in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting. The following votes in favor: Taylor, Gray, Sanchez, Constanopolis, Ramirez and Kidan. Michael E. Brunson abstained. Motion carried.

Presentations were given by the following:

Joseph Moriarty, General Counsel, CPS Board of Education, Office of Procurement, Proposed Board Rule 3-2.

- Policy to make procurement processes (purchasing and contracting) more efficient and mitigate delays.
- Contracting delays keep materials and services from getting to teachers and students in a timely way.
- The rule is currently in “idea phase” and seeking feedback from stakeholders. Next steps are to adjust per feedback. Then seek feedback from Board before putting it out for public comment.
- Statutory requirements and Board rules contribute delays. We can’t change state law, but we can change Board rules, i.e. competitive solicitation requirements for some contracts.
- There are two proposed mitigation strategies: increase delegated authority and/or decrease customized contracts (and instead do more standard-form purchase orders).
- In response to feedback regarding transparency, there is a requirement that Board gets advance notice of contracts and that there be public disclosure via the Board’s monthly processes.
- Office of Procurement is looking for feedback by December 23rd.
- Council member Brunson invited Mr. Moriarty would stay to field potential questions during the public comment section of the meeting and Mr. Moriarity indicated that he was not able to stay.

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- Self-pace training: six courses are available (roles, ethics, officers, principal selection, principal evaluation and effective meetings) on the LSC training page. LSC members are requested to complete these trainings by the end of this month.
- Remaining training courses will be launched in January.
- Updated reference guide will be available in pdf in January
- Non-CPS LSC members should complete background checks.
- LSCAB elections: we are now in the nomination period looking for new members for a term that begins July 1, 2023. OLSCR is looking for current LSC members that wish to serve on the LSCAB. There is a nomination form that needs to be completed, as well as an optional candidate statement.
- The nomination period ends January 17, 2023. February 2-10 will be regional candidate forums. Voting period for Local School Councils is Feb 13- April 12.
- OLSCR is looking for partners to help train LSC members. LSC members can become certified trainers. There is a virtual orientation on Thursday Jan. 19, 2023.

Public Participation. Rikki Jones indicated that members of the community at Dunbar High School do not feel heard by CPS leadership. Ms. Jones asked questions regarding where and how to raise questions and concerns to CPS leadership. Chairman Gray asked Director Ford to provide Ms. Jones with contact information for the office of security.

Old Business. Health and Safety Committee. Motion by Michael E. Brunson to put this issue over for the next meeting. No second. Motion does not carry.

New Business: Michael E. Brunson asked to be included on the agenda next month for a FOIA/OMA report. Vincente Sanchez asked for advance notice of issues that are anticipated to be brought by the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. by motion made by Michael Brunson and seconded by Vincente Sanchez.

Next meeting will be held on January 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

These minutes were approved on January 23, 2023