

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR A SEAT ON THE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD (2023-2025)

My name is Nate Morrissey and I've been a member of the James B. McPherson Local School Council since January of 2021. Twice I have had the honor of being chosen by my fellow council members to be the Chairperson. My time on the LSC has been quite a learning experience.

During my time on the council I've striven to run the school business by the book. My experience has also given me a deep understanding of everything in the book! In the spring of 2021, we begin our annual and cumulative evaluation of the previous principal. We put together a very stringent evaluation methodology including surveys, recorded interviews and deep evaluations of the academic and culture of the school community. Ultimately, the council decided not to renew the previous principals contract. I know how difficult it can be to do the right thing and the stress, effort and communication needed to ensure a successful transition.

In the fall of 2022, we began a "by the books" principal selection process. I've gained a deep understanding of the principal selection process and the many steps required to ensure the best candidate is awarded the principal contract. I've worked hand in hand with the OLSCR team throughout the last couple tumultuous years. There isn't a part of the LSC handbook, principal reform act statutes or OMA that I haven't had the pleasure of engaging with. I'm pretty sure I've seen it all. I believe that my experience and commitment to Chicago Public Schools can be a great asset for the LSC Advisory Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Nate

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small upward flick.

Nate Morrissey
Chairperson - James B. McPherson Elementary