

**Lake Harriet Community School Site Council
November 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Maggie Quinlan, Ania Ritter, Jan Parrish, Merry Tilleson, Mary Rynchek, Ian Hunter, Barb Boerboon, Seth Paradis, Heather Legris, Lisa Legrand, Teresa Harich, Gwen Spurgat, Joel Stensrud, Angie Arnold, Caroline Cochran

Guests in attendance:

Theresa Battle, Karen Knapp, Ann Smith, Bethany Pearson

Administrative business

Council voted to approve October 2012 minutes.

Paired Schools discussion (Theresa Battle and all)

Theresa outlined the Paired School proposal and answered questions:

- With a paired school model there would be two separate budgets and two independent administrations. This would ensure revenue including everything needed to run a school isn't compromised in tight times. Current funding for LC and UC is completely separate – so no change in this regard.
- Administrators are funded centrally via a totally separate process from student funding. The number of students is the most important funding variable that determines budget.
- Expected enrollment next year: LC: 530 students UC: 750 or greater. This is similar to many single campus K-8 schools.
- All current advantages would be sustained
- There is a specific process that must be followed for renaming schools. On school building records, LC and UC are still named Audubon and Fulton, respectively.
- PTA would remain as one association that works with both schools
- Plan is to move to two Site Councils
- DCD will be expanded at LC. This will require one additional classroom
- The paired school option was presented as very similar to Lake Harriet's current model of single school, dual campus in terms of continuity between the two schools

Next steps include:

- Theresa takes the Paired Schools report to Superintendent Johnson
- A date will be set for the first public hearing
- Then the plan goes to the school board
- Exact timeline unclear
- Site Council next steps: Site Council was not prepared to vote on the issue. Caroline will funnel any teacher comments from and LC and UC staff meetings back to the Council then organize an electronic vote.

Lower Campus Update (Jan)

- Concrete will be poured as soon as Friday 11/23.

- There will likely be all new modern furniture at LC.
- Bethany Pearson has signed on as administrative intern.
- Jan has 3 all day K's almost nailed down. This plan still needs to be vetted by Title Program person. There will be a fee associated with all day K. There will likely be some scholarships available (2 per classroom).

5th and 6th Grade Class Size Update and UC planning for 2013-14 (Mary, Merry, Gwen, Caroline)

- Currently, there are 3.5 classes compressed in to 3 for 5th and 6th grades
- The new addition creates five new classrooms at LC
- Starting next fall, there will be 4 classes at each grade level at UC with 32 (maybe 33) kids per classroom
- There will be a need for some new teachers UC
- Middle schools scheduling will be worked on after Thanksgiving break
- Room 112 will be used for small group work, not a full class

Old business and wrap-up (Caroline)

Caroline encouraged subcommittees to meet independently prior to the next full Council meeting.