

Arthur E. Canty Elementary School  
3740 N. Panama Ave., Chicago, IL 60634

Mrs. Jennifer Rath, Principal  
Dr. Shannon Puckett, Assistant Principal

Mr. William Justiz, LSC Chair  
Mr. Ronald Jacobson, LSC Vice-Chair  
Mr. Ronald Yak, LSC Secretary

**Local School Council Meeting**  
June 23, 2025 ~ 6pm ~ Multi-Purpose Room  
Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 6:12pm Chair

2. Roll Call Secretary

**William Justiz (WJ)**, Carolyn Potamitis (CP), Jennifer Rath (JR), Maria Carney (MC), Ronald Yak (RY), Erin Tedesso (ET),  
**Toni-Marie Wahlberg (TW)**, **Lacey Cluff (LC)**, Ronald Jacobson (RJ), Jia Le (Jay) Zhang (JZ), Karem Korkmaz (KK)

*Members that are in italics, underline and bold were absent from the meeting*

3. Approval of Agenda Chair

First Motion: KK  
Second Motion: MC  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passes

4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting Chair

First Motion: ET  
Second Motion: KK  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passes

5. Announcements/Introduction of Guests Chair

None

6. Reports:

- a. **Chair:** No report
- b. **Principal:** Went over slide show report.
- c. **PPLC:** No report
- d. **BAC:** No report
- e. **LRE:** We are appealing for 5/6 SECA's that are needed per students IEP's.
- f. **Wellness Committee:** No report
- g. **FOC:** Went over report
- h. **PAC:** No report
- i. **Field Committee:** No report

7. Old Business

Chair

a. Internal Accounts Report (May)

First Motion: RY  
Second Motion: MC  
Yes: CP, JR, MC, RY, RJ, JZ, KK  
No: None  
Abstained: ET  
Motion Passes

b. Vacant LSC positions

RY read Clark, Gilbert statements to the council.  
Mrs. Santander Prado gave her statement in person to the council.

8. Public Comment

Chair

None

9. Closed session to discussion candidates @ 6:30pm

Chair

First Motion: ET  
Second Motion: MC  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passes

10. Open Session to vote on candidates @ 7:02pm

Chair

First Motion: ET  
Second Motion: CP  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passes

11. Appoint representatives to Canty LSC board

Chair

Motion to appoint Kristy Clark and Carrie Gilbert to the two open parent representative spots

First Motion: RY  
Second Motion: Ry  
Yes: CP, ET, MC, RY, RJ, JZ, KK  
No: None  
Abstained: JR  
Motion Passes

12. Announce the date of the next meeting

Chair

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:15pm in the MPR. This will be the organizational meeting.

13. Adjournment @ 7:08pm

Chair

First Motion: MC  
Second Motion: CP  
All in Favor: Yes  
Motion Passes

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Ronald Yak  
Secretary

Minutes approved without corrections  
Date: July 9, 2025

## Local School Council Meeting

### Parent Candidate Statement

Thank you for your consideration of my statement. I am a parent of two rising kindergarteners at Canty. The 2025-2026 school year will be our family's second year at Canty. We have been so delighted with the Canty community.

Our family wanted to make sure we were joining a welcoming, supportive community. We are grateful for the teachers, administrators, and families we have met since coming to Canty. We are looking forward to continuing to be a part of the Canty community.

In addition to raising my children, I am a full-time attorney. In a previous position, I worked closely with schools and families to ensure children had access to the supports necessary to thrive in a classroom environment. My work required a particular focus on restorative justice and the school to prison pipeline. Through this role, I saw the importance of a cohesive school community with administrators, teachers, staff, and families working together to serve the community in a holistic manner.

As a member of the LSC, I would bring careful consideration and thoughtfulness to the council. It would be a joy to serve the Canty community through service on the LSC.

Thank you again for your consideration.

## LSC Candidate Statement

My name is Kristy Clark. This will only be our 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Cauty, but we already feel incredibly welcomed and grateful to be part of such a supportive community. I'm a mom to twin children with autism, and I've been advocating for their needs since they were 18 months old.

I'm running for the Local School Council because I want to be involved and help ensure all families feel supported and heard—especially those navigating special education and related services. I bring years of hands-on experience working with therapists and service providers, and I understand how important strong communication and teamwork are between families and school staff.

I care deeply about helping our school continue to grow as a place where every child can feel understood and succeed. I would be honored to represent our parent community.