

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

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

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

### Local School Council Meeting

January 6, 2021 ~ 6:15pm ~ By Video Conferencing

#### Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:15pm

2. Roll Call / Establish Quorum

Ms. Lisa Dewitt [LD]; Mrs. Jennifer Rath [JR]; Mr. William Justiz [WJ]; Mrs. Erin Chambers [EC];  
Mr. Dan Pogorzelski [DP]; Mr. Ronald Yak [RY]; Mrs. Catherine Laduzinsky [CL]; Mrs. Cynthia Mavridis [CM];  
Mrs. Carolyn Potamitis [CP]; Mr. Richard Malo [RM], Mr. Lou Ramos [LR]

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

3. Approval of Agenda

First Motion: LD

Second Motion: CM

All in Favor: Yes

Motion Passes

4. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting

First Motion: LD

Second Motion: CM

All in Favor: Yes

Motion Passes

5. Specific items to be discussed:

a. Discussion on LSC Resolution on Reopening Canty School safely

RY and CL presented a resolution on behalf of the staff that they would like Canty's LSC to pass and adopt. There was a discussion between LSC members after the resolution was viewed.

6. Public Comment

Alderman Nick Sposato spoke in favor of the resolution that was presented.

Megan Romberg, a staff member, stated what it would be like for students in the DL program.

Lori Bieniek, a staff member, stated what it is like in the Pre-K program right now.

Katie Olsen, a staff member, stated what it would be like for students in the primary program.

Larry Stuckert, a community member, stated that he supports the resolution.

Mary Ann Korkut ask a question about how certain classes would operate. JR will call her tomorrow.

Jennifer Parkalob, a parent, stated about what she is seeing based upon her job and supports the resolution.

Sabrina Eckhorn, a staff member, stated what it would be like for students in the Middle School program.

Shari Placko, a staff member, stated what it would be like for students in third grade.

7. Specific items to be discussed:

- a. Vote on LSC Resolution on Reopening Canty School safely  
Another discussion between LSC members took place after Public comment before the question was called for a vote.

JR recused herself from discussion and voting.

First Motion: RY

Second Motion: LD

Yes: WJ, CL, CM, RY, RM, CP, DP, LD, LR, EC

No: None

Abstained: None

Recused: JR

Motion Passes

8. Adjournment @ 7:29 pm

First Motion: LD

Second Motion: DP

All in Favor: Yes

Motion Passes

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Ronald Yak

Secretary

Minutes approved without corrections

Date: January 26, 2021



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Canty School Local School Council Resolution

Regarding the Chicago Public Schools Proposed Return to In-Person Learning

Whereas many members of the Canty School community have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. 60634 has lost 108 lives to the COVID-19 virus since March of 2020, and several families in the Canty community have lost loved ones and are grieving, and

Whereas the Chicago Public Schools proposed reopening plan has not considered the voices of teachers and parents who have expressed concerns over poor ventilation, PPE support, instructional method and

Whereas Canty School has a well-documented history over the years of having a poorly maintained ventilation system, as well as heating and air conditioning control, and

Whereas as reports indicate that poorly maintained ventilation system could possibly spread the COVID-19 virus, and

Whereas outbreaks in schools may well lead to additional chains of infection in the Dunning community which has already been struck by the COVID-19 pandemic currently resulting in a 13.2% positivity rate as of 12/26/20, and

Whereas we fear that the Chicago Public Schools reopening plan may make quality instruction for students who continue with remote learning as well as those who choose in-person learning more difficult given that teachers will have to simultaneously manage a classroom and teach online to students at home, and

Whereas this year has been one of trauma, instability and mourning for many of our students who need consistency rather than interruption to the routines they are finally getting accustomed to.

Be it therefore resolved that the Local School Council of Canty School urge the Chicago Public School leadership and the Chicago Board of Education to reconsider their proposed reopening plans and that students remain remote until a safe return to learning plan is developed in collaboration with members of the community including families, teachers and staff, and school administration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded on to Dr. Janice Jackson, CEO of Chicago Public Schools, all members of the Chicago Board of Education and Alderman Nicholas Sposato of the 38<sup>th</sup> Ward for the Area served by Canty School.

~ The above Resolution passed on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at a Special LSC meeting ~

We the undersign members of the Local School Council at Canty Elementary School

Mr. William Justiz, *LSC Acting Chairperson, Parent Representative*

Mr. Ronald Yak, *LSC Secretary, Teacher Representative*

Mrs. Erin Chambers, *Parent Representative*

Ms. Lisa Dewitt, *Parent Representative*

Mrs. Catherine Laduzinsky, *Teacher Representative*

Mrs. Cynthia Mavridis, *Non-Teaching Staff Representative*

Mr. Richard Malo, *Community Representative*

Mr. Dan Pogorzelski, *Community Representative*

Mrs. Carolyn Potamitis, *Parent Representative*

Mr. Lou Ramos, *Parent Representative*

**Final Resolution Vote total:**

Yes: 10

No: 0