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2019-2020 Committees for Parents to Join

Dear Parents,

We are always looking for parents to join committees at the school. Please feel free to print out this form, check off any committees that you are interested in joining, then return this form back to the office through your child's back pack. Someone from the committee will reach out to you.

LSC – Local School Council

Each month parents and staff meet with the principal to conduct the school's financial business. Six parents are needed for the LSC to have a monthly quorum of at least 7 people in attendance to be able to pass votes of approval. The LSC is an elected governing body (by the parents of the school) whose main responsibility is to work with the principal to review and approve the budget, approve monthly financial transactions, approve the CIWP, develop school policy, and evaluate the principal yearly each May. The LSC is also responsible for hiring the principal of the school should a vacancy open. The council is required to meet regularly and is elected every 2 years from parents of the school. All LSC meetings are open to the public.

Diverse Learner Parent Support Committee

The purpose of this committee is to provide support and a venue for parents of diverse learner students to reach out to other parents of diverse learner students. Beard will have a monthly diverse learner parent support group to provide networking and information around topics that are relevant to their child's learning. Topics covered will be presented by the Beard School staff. Topics will include navigating the diverse learner process within Chicago Public Schools, placement, evaluations, assessments, eligibility, IEP's, transitions, therapies, ESY, helpful strategies and related resources.

Homeroom Moms/Dads/Family Member

We need homeroom moms / dads to volunteer and organize events in your child's classroom. These volunteers will reach out to other parents and arrange functions for the classroom such as celebrations, attend field trips, organize supplies needed for the room, help the teacher, or assist with special events taking place throughout the year.

PAC – Parent Advisory Committee

PAC parents work with the Principal to advise the principal on how to spend Title 1 parent mandated funds. The PAC also works with the Principal to engage other parents at the school with activities that the school has already planned throughout the year. All family members are welcome to come to open public monthly PAC meetings.

Garden Committee

Members on this committee volunteer their time to work in the garden by helping students to plant new seeds/plants each season in the learning garden outside of door #8. We also need help with weeding, watering, harvesting, and overseeing the garden's growth and maintenance care.

Family Connection Committee

The purpose of this committee is to establish engaging social activities for students and their families outside of the school setting and during times school is out of session. Through these fun activities you can help to connect parents and help build a community that serves each other and our school.

Parent Communications Committee

The purpose of the communications committee is to improve the lines of communication between the school and parents/community of Beard School. This committee looks at ways to increase parent engagement communications and improve upon ways to utilize media to reach Beard families.

School Events Committee

The purpose of this committee is to have parents attend the staff's planning meetings for setting up and taking down school wide events. Events include the Fall Fest, Olympics, Assemblies, and other parent engagement opportunities throughout the year.

School Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee is an advisory group concerned with the health and well-being of the students and staff. The committee makes sure the school is in alignment with the Health and Wellness Policies of Chicago Public Schools and works with parents to promote a healthy school environment.

Please indicate which committees you are interested in and we will ensure that it gets received by committee chairpersons.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name and Room Number _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return completed forms back to the main office. Email, the Principal Manda Lukic, mmlukic@cps.edu for any questions.