

NearNorth UNITY PROGRAM

Near North Unity Program (NNUP)

Membership Meeting MINUTES

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

March 19th, 2018

Jenner Academy of the Arts

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Review Question and Answer Guidelines**

- One question per person, one follow up question and then the meeting facilitator will move on to the next community member's question.

- **Community 'Spotlight'**

- The Chicago Rugby Club
 - Mike Miller, Member Representative & Coach
- Tries to give back in the sport, because "that's how you're taught to play"; it's about integrity and the community aspect.
- Fitness is a problem for youth in all communities, including this one.
- There's a lot of defunding of after school programs based on a federal budget proposal to eliminate after school funding. That's a problem and we're gonna do something about it.
- Trey Lewis testimonial: started Junior year of high school, and the community aspect of the sport was stronger with rugby than with any other sports team. Rugby is a community sport that actually sticks with the youth because there's a spot and position for everyone. In this community, it will open up opportunities for kids and connecting people.
- Tons of diversity in rugby (racial, socioeconomic, etc)
- Social network of a rugby club.
- If this program is backed by the community, it can have a great impact.
- North Shore (best girls team in the nation) want to help girls get involved and provide coaching.
- Compton, New York City, and Memphis inner-city rugby program are examples of successful bringings of rugby into low income communities.
- Chicago Park District has hinted that they would supply land if the program gets going.
- Youth rugby in Chicago has grown a ton over the past years.
- "A players game for players" in which teammates have to overcome obstacles and make decisions.
- Yearly grant from non-profit affiliated with CUBS in order to expand rugby to low income communities.
- Started programs at multiple high schools and middle schools.
- 501(3c) organization
- Starting age of 8/10 up to 28.... But they want to see what sort of need there is an we can go from there.
- In the past: after need is seen, kids are introduced to the sport through PE class, and when there are enough kids interested, time and resources are given to starting a program at that given school.

- **Chicago Public School's Local School Council (LSC) Process**

- Dr. Guillermo (Willy) Montes De Oca, Dir. Local School Council Relations
- Eduardo Camacho, Senior Compliance Facilitator
- After the board issues the resolution to have the two LSCs merge, people have until March 9th to submit applications to be in the LSC.
- So far, about 27 (9 at Jenner) candidates running for LSC, only for 11 seats.
- This is the first election that we have 272 schools with contested elections, with 84 schools with 14+ candidates.
- The only way to provide equal representation is to put the names on the ballot and vote.
- Solution for representation: create a slate of candidates.
- If you want to have an effective LSC council, create a slate between Jenner and Ogden and advocate to parents and community members to show that this is the slate that will represent our kids.
- Three candidate forums for everyone to attend (parents/community members, staff, and students)
 - This way you can see who is running.
- At these forums, the candidates will receive a number that constituents will vote for on election day.
- 6 parents, 2 community members, 2 teachers, 1 non-student, 1 student, and principal.
- The day of the election, it is necessary to mobilize people and letting them know that they have to vote for the slate.
- Who can vote? Parents and community vote for parents and community. Staff for staff. Students for students.
- Judges: deadline extended to March 30th for applications. So far, we have 1067, and our goal in 1500.

- **Billboard Proposal, Chicago Property Investors**

- Michael Goldstein
- Approval by west marine developers to put up two billboards (1 facing halstead and 1 facing division).
- After getting approval by landowner, you have to get backing by the alderman, which was granted a few months ago.
- Restrictions in agreement of what can/can't be advertised.
- Offered to neighborhood association that whenever the sign has availability, whatever is happening in the community can be advertised (ie. Jazz Fest).
- Next step is to move forward to - with approval of alderman and neighborhood association - build the signs.
- Hours of illumination - sunset to 3am

- **Tribute to Principal Robert Croston, Jr.**

- **Announcements**

- **Suggestion Box** at the check in table - please feel free to drop off suggestions for NNUP
- **NNUP will be 'On the Move'** beginning in March we'll be hosting the NNUP Monthly meetings at different locations throughout our community - stay tuned for more information and location announcements
- **March 20 - Stanton Park Advisory Council Meeting, 618 W. Scott, 6pm**
- **March 20 - NNUP Safety Committee Meeting, 10:30am, 1111 N. Wells St., Leslie Hall (back room)**
- **March 20 - Stamps Rhine Center. Senior Bingo, 11:30am, 1327 N. Larrabee**
- **March 21 - 'Coffee with the Commander', 9:30am, Eva's Cafe, 1447 N. Sedgwick st.**

- **March 29 - NNUP Youth & Families Meeting, 11am, 1111 N. Wells St., Room 301**
- **March 29 - Citywide Job Fair, Sec. White & Ald. Burnett, 10am - 2pm, Jesse White Community Center, 312 W. Chicago ave.**
- **April 1 - EASTER**
- **April 12 - Seward Park Advisory Council - ELECTIONS, President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary, 6pm, 375 W. Elm Street**
- **April 14 - NNUP Employment committee meeting, 9:30 am, Panera Bread on Division St.**
- **April 17 - Stanton Park Advisory Council meeting, 6pm, 618 W. Scott Street.**
- **April 18 - CPS Local School Council (LSC) ELECTION**