

**Bret Harte Elementary School**  
**1556 East 56th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637**  
**Charles Bright, Principal**  
**Shequitis Shelton-Turner, Assistant Principal**

**Local School Council **SPECIAL SESSION** Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**  
**Thursday May 4, 2023**

*SY24 School Budget Presentation*

1. Call Meeting to Order by Chairperson, Joe Kurstin at 5:18pm
2. Roll Call by Chairperson, Kara Hill
  - a. Present: Charles Bright, Kristina Lawson, Aiko Hibino, Kara Hill, Joe Kurstin, Stacy McDavis, Sam Nolan, Keeshawn Romero
  - b. Absent: Kendrea Williams, LaTavius Davis, Kristin Woods
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve Agenda by Aiko; second by Kristina; approved by all
4. Presentation of Proposed 2023-24 School Budget
  - a. Detailed PDF version of proposed school budget has been emailed to council members for reference
  - b. High level overview
    - i. Budget is based off enrollment numbers taken on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the new school year, ours was based off 283 students
    - ii. Increase in school budget by \$95,307
    - iii. 3 new positions will be added
      1. New MTSS for middle school students, this position will also work closely with our ESL students. Harte has 17 students and 20 are needed for CPS to fund a ½ time position
      2. Para Professional to assist with recess and lunch duty
      3. Security Position
    - iv. Slight decrease in PAC funds
5. LSC Comment / Questions on the Budget
  - a. Council members were happy to see the increased budget numbers and have no issue with the budget that was presented by Mr. Bright
6. Public Comment
  - a. Would like to see more appropriate art education since this will be a full-time position going forward. Parents also think that the art space needs a makeover so that students are inspired to be creative
  - b. Sports programs are funded by CPS and parents would like to see a bigger outreach to recruit teachers to serve as coaches. Another option would be to recruit parents who are also coaches, however this process takes around 2 months to complete background screen process
7. Vote to Approve SY2023-24 School Budget
  - a. Motion to Approve SY2023-24 School Budget by Kristina; second by Keeshawn; approved by all
8. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Keeshawn; second by Kristina; approved by all