

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:16pm.

In attendance: COHEN, MAHONEY, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, SOTIROVA

Not attending: BIJEDIC, CHINCHILLA, KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ, VEGA

The council had a quorum in attendance.

Effective July 1 2015, Ms SOTIROVA replaced Ms NAEEM as student representative.

Effective as of June's graduation, Ms MILOTEVIC no longer had a child enrolled at Amundsen, and her seat as parent representative automatically vacated. As a result, the LSC has one parent vacancy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr COHEN moved to elect Ms MAHONEY as chair, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr NEWMAN moved to elect Ms SOTIROVA as vice chair, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr REED moved to elect Mr NEWMAN as secretary, seconded by Ms PAVICHEVICH. The motion was approved unanimously.

The FOIA and OMA officer does not require renewal, and Mr NEWMAN continues in those roles.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

The meetings were set per the LSC's custom of meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with deviations to accommodate the CPS academic calendar.

August 11, 2015
September 8, 2015
October 13, 2015
November 3, 2015
December 8, 2015

January 12, 2016
February 9, 2016
March 8, 2016
April 5, 2016
May 10, 2016

June 14, 2016

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

None. Approval of the internal accounts was deferred to August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 12, 2015 seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We don't have a budget. We don't know what time school will start. We don't know if we will have to lay off any employees. We are having difficulty hiring a Japanese language teacher.

We don't know what sports programs will be available. We don't know what funds will be available. We don't know who will be Athletic Director (Eric Olson has moved to Whitney Young). Similarly, Eric was the IB MYP director, we will need to refill that position.

Construction on the CTE labs has been paused, as CPS is unable to pay for them. Otherwise two shifts are working each day on other TIF-funded construction.

We need to hire an art teacher, a foreign language teacher, and a social science teacher.

Our SGSA money is thought to be not vulnerable, although given the budget situation at CPS we really have no idea what will happen with that money.

Intrinsic has withdrawn their proposal to open a charter school in the neighborhood.

We have abandoned the 30 minute "advisory" period as a regular scheduled time period, and will only have advisory as needed.

We have been approved for the Transcendental Meditation grant.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

Perhaps we can create a mentorship program, where upper level students can mentor freshmen. This unfortunately is no longer a means to earn “service learning” credit for the IB program, but we would still like to do it if we can.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

The council discussed increasing the annual student activity fee, which is currently among the lowest among all CPS high schools. Ms SOTIROVA suggested that it would be a good way to bring in money. However, many parents on the LSC expressed that it would be a hardship, even though the amount is low. The council also discussed increasing fees for specific items, which students may or may not need to pay, which Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated she might investigate, but that we were not ready to take action on that yet.

Mr REED moved to set the annual student fee at \$125, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.