

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:03pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, DANAHER, DAVILA [appointed 6:15pm], GORSKI, MAHONEY, MARTEL [arrived 6:16pm], NEWMAN, PEDERSEN, REED, ZEHREN [appointed 6:15pm]

Not attending: PAVICHEVICH, SOTIROVA, VEGA

At the beginning of the meeting there were two vacant parent positions.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISING

Mr Alur proposed a fundraising activity on November 9th at Empirical Brewery to support the STEM Club's purchase of robotics and rocketry equipment.

Mr CHINCHILLA moved to approve the fundraiser, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr PEDERSEN proposed a fundraising activity on November 19th at The Piggery (Irving Park and Damen).

Mr CHINCHILLA moved to approve the fundraiser, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr NEWMAN moved to appoint Alexandra DAVILA and Amy ZEHREN as parent representatives on the Amundsen LSC, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

Mr REED moved to approve the internal accounts for September, seconded by Mr CHINCHILLA. The motion was approved unanimously.

The council agreed that it would be generally desirable to identify dormant accounts, and sweep these funds into other accounts for active uses. Mr Williams agreed to identify such accounts for a future meeting.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

AP Nguyen provided the principal's report in place of Ms PAVICHEVICH, who was unable to attend this meeting.

Our attendance numbers as of the 10th day of the year was 1163, which is 20 short of the projected enrollment. By the 20th day we were up to 1169, which may affect funding sources other than SBB.

In addition to enrollment adjustments, we lost an additional \$105,000, attributed to a reduction in the number of veteran teachers on our staff (retirements). Our total budget decrease from 10th day budget adjustments was \$209,398.

Mr Nguyen and Mr Williams presented a proposal to invest in wiring upgrades for the teacher's work rooms, and for digital displays in the hallways and cafeteria. The finds for these investments would be diverted from the school's contingency funds.

Mr REED moved to approve the expenditure of \$14,742.08 to Pace Systems, Inc., for the installation of electrical and data wiring in the Teacher Work Room, seconded by Ms DANAHER. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the expenditure of \$20,399.78 to CDW for the purchase and installation of commercial grade informational display monitors for the school hallways, seconded by Ms ZEHREN. The motion was approved unanimously.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

We are still a Level 1 school. Our overall score this year was 3.6 (vs 3.5 last year).

Our average scores on the ACT were 18.3, getting us to about the 35th percentile nationally, although because of the nature of the CPS system with its selective enrollment schools, this is a reasonable result.

We have done a good job at delivering early college credit. About 44% of Amundsen students graduate having already earned some college credit through IB, AP or other dual credit programs. Some students earn enough credits to replace an entire semester (or more) of college.

A bit over half of our students have gone on to college. We would like to increase this number in the future, and we think our recent success in Freshman on Track (94.4% this year, the highest it has ever been) will be reflected here in a few years.

We ended our school year at 91.8%, although seniors were marked as absent after graduation. After accounting for this, our attendance rate was 92.4%.

Our dropout rate of 3.7% is substantially decreased from previous years; a few years ago we were as high as 8%.

Over 60 students at the end of last year were not in medical compliance, which negatively impacted some administrative scores.

Not reported in the school-wide statistics: among our IB students, college persistence is 91% (CPS-wide the number for IB students is only in the high-80's.). This is a reflection of the high quality of our IB program, especially given the IB cut score for our program is generally lower than most other CPS IB programs.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.