

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:05pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, DANAHER, DAVILA, GORSKI, MAHONEY [arrived 6:15], MARTEL [arrived 6:09pm], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, REED, ZEHREN

Not attending: PEDERSEN, SOTIROVA, VEGA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Makela from GROW Community discussed a planning document outlining the goals and the path forward for the group.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

Collection of the student fees is going smoothly this year. This year we are offering the option to pay student fees with a credit card.

Ms DANAHER moved to approve the internal accounts for December, seconded by Ms ZEHREN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Our Special Olympics team did great; 8 of 10 students who participated won a medal and got to move on to the next level.

GROW Community has been collaborating with Amundsen to put out an “official” policy regarding the relationship between feeder elementary schools and the high school. The policy is that any student completing 8th grade at any of the feeder schools listed below can attend Amundsen the following year, regardless of where in Chicago they may reside.

Audubon	Bell	Blaine
Budlong	Burley	Chappell
Coonley	Greeley	Hamilton
Hawthorne	Inter-American	Jahn
Jamieson	McPherson	Nettelhorst
Ravenswood	Waters	

The intention is that this policy will help preserve school-based communities that want to transition together from elementary to high school. It is our goal to continue this policy into the indefinite future, so long as capacity remains at Amundsen to accept all the students and families who wish to avail themselves of this option.

We believe that the ideal enrollment for this building is approximately 1,250 students, although in the past Amundsen enrolled as many as 1,500.

For next year, we had 1,776 students apply to the Amundsen IB program; 235 students listed Amundsen as their 1st overall choice. About 400 additional students listed Amundsen as the 2nd choice, probably behind Lincoln Park. For 2016, we enrolled 144 students total in the IB program.

CPS announced that there will be 4 days of furloughs for staff. They are also starting to centralize services to save some money, including payroll, reimbursements for spending, and internal accounts.

This year's junior class is not doing as well as our other cohorts; for example, their attendance rates are lower than this year's seniors. So we are focused on supporting this junior class, including establishing a mentoring program for students who are "on the bubble".

Ms PAVICHEVICH is starting to draft a three year plan, with input from staff and others, so as to have some longer term goals to strive for, outside of the famously unstable CPS goals.

For this year, we are anticipating needing to hire a special education teacher, 2 for social studies, 1 for english, 1 for music, 2 for world languages, 2 for computer science, and a counselor (or two). We don't know what our budget will be so we cannot actually make job offers, but we have advertised and are interviewing for these positions, so that we are prepared to make offers as soon as possible once the budget is finalized. We are currently in the process to fill the college and career position previously approved for this year.

VERIZON

Verizon has requested approval for the installation of telecommunications equipment (a cell tower attached to the school chimney, plus associated equipment).

Mr MARTEL moved to approve the installation of the equipment, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

The LSC is required to approve the final Summative Principal Evaluation.

The LSC entered closed session at 7:13pm.

The LSC returned to open session at 7:22pm.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the final summative rating, seconded by Ms ZEHREN. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.