

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:08pm.

In attendance: COHEN, D'ALESSIO, KARASTANOVIC, MILOTEVIC, MUÑOZ [arrived 6:15], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, VEGA

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, JOHNSON

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr COHEN moved to approve the internal accounts for September 2014, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr REED moved to approve an expenditure of \$10,991.61 to Josten's for Class of 2014 graduation caps, gowns, and medals, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms VEGA moved to approve an expenditure of \$3,434.85 to PM Woodwind Brasswind, to purchase mouthpieces for students in band classes. These mouthpieces will be assigned to students for use during the entire school year. Currently, students are using a class set of mouthpieces that are disinfected before each band period. Issuing each student a mouthpiece instead of the class set system will eliminate instruction time that is wasted on disinfection. Seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve an expenditure of \$5,223.85 to Apple, Inc., to purchase equipment needed for videography club which will also be used to create and master school spirit videos (e.g., the Amundsen Happy video from the 2013-14 school year.) Cost of equipment will be funding from the principal grant awarded to Principal Pavichevich by Mr. Jorndt. Seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms Moylan and the Cross Country and Track teams requested approval to conduct an "Amundsen Night" at a local Panera Restaurant. Panera will donate 15-20% of each sale that is accompanied by an Amundsen Flyer. The fundraiser will likely occur some time in November.

Ms VEGA moved to authorize the Panera fundraiser, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 8, 2014 seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2014 seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2014 seconded by Ms MUNOZ. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Reggie Williams is working at Budlong Elementary part time, as the business manager at that school is currently on leave.

We were held harmless for the student based budget this year, so the school budget will not be slashed because enrollment did not meet projections. There will still be adjustments in state and federal money, which will amount to a cut of approximately \$50 thousand, but that is a much more manageable cut. We will close a position as previously anticipated, which will absorb most of this cut. There were also some errors in projecting teacher salaries correctly for the current fiscal year, with the total error about \$23 thousand. This was identified earlier by Mr Williams; he was told that it would be fixed later, but it was not. It is not known whether the central office will absorb this cost or require that the school absorb it.

Many things are changing at CPS this year: SQRP ratings for the school are not available as usual in mid-October, the principal evaluation system is not in place, among others.

Our enrollment on the 10th day (when the official count is now made) was at 1120; on the 20th day, it was 1133.

For the future, we are actively recruiting students in the neighborhood. There is a new brochure in preparation now. There is a website revamp coming as well. There will be an open house on November 8th. There will also be a very big IB info session on January 17. Amundsen will be one of only 4 schools city-wide hosting those events this year. (It used to be that every school had 6 sessions, now there will be only 4 total.) We are expecting 4,000 people to visit that day. We are hoping to do some painting and sprucing up beforehand. We want to make sure the whole event happens smoothly, as it is a great opportunity to showcase our school.

PARENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We had an initial meeting, but turnout was low. The next meeting is October 22. We will be talking about the care team, and the health center.

COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION

T-Mobile requested authorization to install telecommunications on the school roof. This would be in addition to the existing two installations, plus a potential Verizon installation (which was approved by the LSC in October 2013 but has not been installed at this time).

Mr NEWMAN moved to authorized T-Mobile to install telecommunications equipment on the building, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

LSC OPERATIONS FUNDING

Mr NEWMAN moved to allocate the full \$400 in annual funding for LSC operations towards food for meetings, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.