

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:37pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, RODAS, VEGA

Not attending: KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ

There is one vacant parent seat. The council has a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Ms D’ALESSIO asked about remaining funds in the Markeyo Carr account. These funds were raised for the family of this student to help pay for funeral expenses, but the funds raised exceeded the amount the family needed. The council discussed using that money for an anti-violence student summit for northside communities. No action was taken.

Ms D’ALESSIO asked about a debit of approximately \$4,500 from the student activities account. Mr WILLIAMS indicated that the funds were used for various postage expenses, none of which exceeded the threshold for LSC approval. Ms D’ALESSIO requested that such expenses be correctly allocated to the correct line items in the internal accounts.

The council discussed expenditures for video equipment to support the film club, in response to the success of the “Happy” video. Beyond the viral video itself, multiple news organizations have or will visit the school to profile our faculty, students, and how our “happy” attitude translates into pedagogical improvements.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms VEGA moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2014, seconded by Ms D’ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We were accepted as a "Computer Science for All" pilot school.

Boot camp is going well. The trustee of the Doris Walbridge foundation, Mr. Stephen Gaber, who funded the grant for the boot camp, is coming to visit Amundsen on April 2.

The CTE computer technical education program will be focused on web design and gaming, and will be a selective enrollment program within the school. The program will begin sophomore year but will accept students as freshmen.

The CPS Office of Accountability has indicated that they will figure out what they are going to do about our performance ratings soon.

A CPS administrator indicated to Ms PAVICHEVICH that the change in the academic calendar due to winter temperatures would not require a change in the date of graduation for the senior class, but all seniors would be marked as absent for all days after graduation. We are not interested in having that kind of hit to our attendance rates, so graduation was pushed to June 9th, the senior cruise will be on the 10th, the picnic will be on the 11th.

The Friends of Amundsen is becoming more active again, and is working to bring people to the school Luau.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr JOHNSON is continuing to meet with LSC's of feeder schools.

PPLC REPORT

We have continued to focus on professional development on the Day 2 exam. A survey of teachers was completed; the vast majority of teachers responded and most are using some Day 2 training tactics in their classrooms.

PAC REPORT

The College and Career Fair was a success. It was conveniently held on the same night as the Chicago Youth Orchestra concert.

STUDENT REPORT

Seniors are excited to lead a pep rally for juniors before the ACT exam.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The council rescheduled the April 8 meeting to April 10, so as not to conflict with Report Card Pickup, and the LSC election.

ADJOURN

Mr COHEN moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.