

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:08pm.

In attendance: GORSKI, MAHONEY [arrived 6:17pm], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, SOTIROVA

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

The council had a quorum in attendance at 6:17, prior to any voting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Makela, executive director from GROWCommunity thanked Lourdes Danaher for participating in the parent panel and reception, on May 21.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes from 9 May 2016, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our collaboration with GROWCommunity is continuing into its 2nd year.

Construction begins on June 23rd. We will keep the building open for staff and teachers, other than the active construction area. We will be building out a computer lab as well as the Dyson Center.

The SPED went to the summer/outdoor version of the state's special olympics.

The Aspen Challenge group is getting ready to go to Aspen. They have also been invited to present (via Skype) at an international astronomical conference in the Canary Islands.

Ms PAVICHEVICH is about to travel on her invited tour of Japan. One opportunity to we hoped to get out of this trip was the opportunity to have an exchange program for students, although that happened sooner than expected; 21 students and 4 staff will be going on that exchange next month. Next year, we will host 20 to 25 Japanese students here in Chicago.

We also hope to get a Japanese language instructor for Amundsen. The Japan Foundation of Los Angeles will provide a grant to support 50% of the salary for that instructor for two years.

We got our ACT scores, which are about the same as last year, about 18.3. Our PLAN scores were discarded last year, so we don't have a good measure of the growth of our students. We are switching to the SAT next year, and we have begun work on the necessary changes to support this change. We also asked to keep some of the "cash preservation" money for curriculum planning, and we were approve to spend about \$8,000 for that purpose.

Ms PAVICHEVICH received an initial proposed budget from CPS for Amundsen for next year, assuming there is no deal in Springfield to modify the state supports for CPS. The proposal represents an approximately 24.5% overall cut to our budget across all funds, despite the projected modest increase in enrollment for next year. Because a final budget is not yet available, Ms PAVICHEVICH has been working on various budget scenarios to be prepared when the budget does finally come out. Because no actual budget is available, the LSC took no action to approve anything.

Whatever happens with the budget, we will do what is necessary to provide a quality education for our students.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
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No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We had a CPR workshop with Mr PEDERSEN.

STUDENT REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.