LSC Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
Held in the Library, Amundsen HS

The meeting convened at 6:02pm.  
In attendance: CHINCHILLA, DAVILA, GORSKI, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, PHUTHAPHAN, REYNOLDS [arrived 6:20pm]  
Not attending: CORDERO, FARSTER, VEGA, YEE, ZEHREN

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

The LSC reviewed the accounts from November.

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the internal accounts, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

FUNDRAISING AUTHORIZATION

The Viking Theater company, sponsored by Ms. Bean, is planning to put on “La Tempestad”, for which they plan to sell tickets and concessions (water, snacks, soda, and flowers). They anticipate about $1500 in revenue from ticket sales and $950 in concessions, which will be invested back into the drama club.

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the fundraising activities, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT / STATE OF THE SCHOOL

We have some significant staffing issues at present. A teacher gave his 2-week notice recently, and we are not able to find a replacement on a short timetable, especially to teach these courses (geometry and computer science). To address this, we will be paying overtime to 5 other teachers at least through the end of the semester, and possibly longer.

Our open house was stupendous, we had about 750 families attending. We also had 2 IB info sessions, which were completely packed. Our recruiting is working well, and we have 4,000 applicants so far.

Our SQRP is Level 1+ for the 3rd year in a row. We are the only Level 1+ IB high school in the entire city. Amundsen is also the highest ranked non-selective enrollment school city-wide. Our student growth overall was not as great as it has been, but that
mirrors a trend city-wide. We did well in gradation rates and in the fraction of students moving on to college and the fraction of students who graduate with college credit.

We have been working to create an attendance strategy, to proactively identify challenging days and work to boost attendance through them, since we will be having a number of these makeup days due to the strike.

Our athletics programs are doing great. The changes we made recently have been beneficial for the performance of our teams, in addition to the enhanced communication and involvement of parents.

The school and the district’s emphasis on equity was discussed, along with the drive to have a culturally sensitive curriculum. The vision for our school was reaffirmed:

Amundsen High School is THE school of choice for our neighborhood families due to its excellent student achievement results and competitive academic and extracurricular programs, offered in a 21st century facility. Teaching to ensure growth and achievement is the core principle of all instruction. Amundsen High School graduates embrace intercultural respect and possess the needed skills to be leaders in their communities and in a global society. Finally, every Amundsen High School graduate will be Accountable, Honorable, and Scholarly.

As well as the mission:

Our mission is to provide every Amundsen student with: a 21st Century rigorous and relevant education, which prepares them for success in their post-secondary academic endeavors and careers; authentic learning experiences that develop their ability to be life-long, independent thinkers and learners, equipped with comprehensive literacy skills in mathematics, languages, arts, sciences, and technology; and, a foundation for understanding a variety of cultural perspectives (international-mindedness) and a service-oriented mindset.

Our investments in curriculum and technology are helping us achieve these goals.

The CIWP was reviewed, and our progress towards our goals was reviewed.

Ms PAVICHEVICH discussed the options for our usual “Boot Camp” program. She identified that a good option for this year would be to use Princeton, instead of using Academic Approach, as the latter has been challenging to work with. Pricetont

For a Princeton Boot Camp for 120 students, it will cost about $38,000 total, of which about $21,000 will be funded by the Walbridge Foundation grant. Ms PAVICHEVICH proposed offering this course to 60 juniors, and 60 freshmen and sophomores. Alternatively, we can offer 3 SAT boot camp classes with up to 35 kids in each, for a cost of $31,500. The LSC discussed these options, and identified that, although the
SAT is the highest stakes test, offering SAT prep to the younger grades is not the best use of our resources.

FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN

The FoA is selling spiritwear at lunch regularly. The date of the spring fundraiser was moved to April 24th.

ADJOURN

_The LSC adjourned at 7:48pm._