

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:05pm.

In attendance: DANAHER, GORSKI, MAHONEY, MARTEL, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, SOTIROVA, VEGA, ZEHREN

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, DAVILA, PEDERSEN, REED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Makela from GROW Community talked about a plan for producing yard signs to advertise Amundsen. There will be two versions: a “Home of” version for Amundsen families, as well as a “Proud Supporter” version for anyone else.

APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISING

Mr Alur sent a note thanking the LSC for the previous approval of his fundraising request for the STEM club, the science club successfully raised about \$4,300.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

Mr Williams presented a review of internal accounts, highlighting accounts that have been dormant (with no activity) for over 12 months. These accounts include some of the “Joy of Teaching” awards given to faculty, which are meant for teachers to pursue professional development activities. The council agreed not to take any formal action regarding the internal accounts, but to be mindful of dormant accounts in the future if unexpected expenses pop up.

Mr MARTEL moved to approve the internal accounts for October, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Ms PAVICHEVICH represented our school at a conference in Miami, a very successful event.

We are staying focused on becoming a Level 1+ school, and paying attention to what we need to do to achieve that. We expect our post-secondary scores (which show a significant time lag) to increase soon, and that will help us.

Open House was outstanding. Lots of people attending, and many people talking positively about Amundsen IB not just as a good neighborhood school program, but as a serious competitor against Lane Tech for possible selective enrollment students.

We got the Doris Walbridge grant again, \$21K to support our Boot Camp program.

We have 3 Posse semifinalists this year, which is a very prestigious full-ride scholarship. We are going to be working to keep track of scholarships across the board again this year.

Ms PAVICHEVICH is spending a lot of time on Fellows work, and finding it to be a rewarding experience.

We were allocated another \$3.5 million to support capital investment in our building. Not as big as we hoped, but on top of the other investments in our school over the past few years it represents a really significant investment. We will get a new weight room, college and career counseling areas. Mayor Emanuel personally came to the school to announce the investment. The investment will displace expenditures previously authorized by the LSC for the teacher's work room.

Exchange students from Japan will be visiting this coming Friday, about 2 dozen students will be here for 2 days.

PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The PAC met at report card pickup, in a gambit to improve attendance, which was not successful.

STUDENT REPORT

We are partnering with UNIQLO for a fundraiser. We are collecting clothing to support this project.

We are also starting a student mentoring program. 15 juniors and seniors will mentor a similar number of freshmen and sophomores.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms MAHONEY went to a CPS presentation by Ms Jackson, which was informative. Also there was a GROW Community event recently, which attracted community members and parents of younger students (i.e. not 8th graders)

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.