

# LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2018

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



**AMUNDSEN**  
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:05pm.

In attendance: CORDERO, DANAHER, DAVILA, GORSKI, HERMANSON, MARTEL, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, REED, VEGA, ZEHREN

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, SADIQ

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The LSC candidate's forum was held at the opening of this meeting.

Ms DAVILA shared that GROW Community is hosting an evening event on April 4. GROW will also be hosting an "On the Table" dinner for LSC members on May 8, and a gardening event on May 19.

## INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

There are no spending items for approval.

*Ms DAVILA moved to approve the internal accounts, seconded by Ms ZEHREN.  
The motion passed unanimously.*

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*Ms DAVILA moved to approve the minutes for July 2017, seconded by Ms VEGA.  
The motion passed unanimously.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The budget is supposed to come out in mid-April, which has not actually happened in many years. We are getting out ahead of the budget planning, and identifying anticipated positions now, before we know for certain what the funding situation will be. We are already identifying candidates for counselor, case manager, and a Japanese language teacher (which will be 50% externally funded).

We're also making a plan to appropriately ensure that this year's budgeted funds are spent.

The event on April 4 will be a big recruiting event for 8th grade students, and will involve a lot of current students and staff.

Enrollment projections for next year are: 180 seats for IB, 120 for Grow Community, and 60 seats for CTE. But for the 180 IB seats they will only make 180 offers, so we're not sure how that's going to work exactly.

The Boot Camps are very well attended. We are happy with the instruction, and we think we will have a very good outcome.

The Khan Academy options have been less enthusiastically adopted, although it seems somewhat successful too. We are incentivizing participation with a Chromebook giveaway.

The Amundsen's Got Talent event was great, a good motivating event to fight the winter doldrums.

The students organized and participated in a walk-out against gun violence. Everyone participated safely and in an organized manner — we are very proud that the students were able to organize this event successfully themselves.

Three groups from Amundsen attended this year's Lumity event, along with Ms PAVICHEVICH.

Arnie Rivera, new chief of CPS operations, will be coming next week to review the situation with Aramark.

Preparations are being made to administer this year's battery of standardized tests. College visits are being organized to get non-test-taking students out of the building, to ensure an environment that is conducive for test taking, and to provide something enriching for students who are not taking tests.

Friends of Amundsen are hosting a fundraiser on May 4. On May 1, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cubs' Charities baseball fields.

Last year, our SQRP score was 4.1 — this year we expect to move up to about 4.2 to 4.3. We don't anticipate any yellow (mid-level) SQRP score components. However, predicting this is hard this year because of the change in the particular standardized tests. We are also concerned about the changes in treatment for special education students on standardized tests that are occurring because of the change in test vendor. The new policies on accommodations may have a disproportionate impact on our students because we have such a large special ed community.

On April 4th we will have a review visit for the school's IB CAREER program application.

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The PPLC focus remains on cognitive demand; they are working to develop professional development tools within this focus area. Mr REED also indicated that the workload coordination among IB diploma teachers needs additional attention.

**ADJOURN**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.*