

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:10pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, KARASTANOVIC, NAEEM, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED

Not attending: MILOTEVIC, MUÑOZ, NEWMAN, VEGA

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A faculty member requested additional funding for art materials for the IB arts program. Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated that several thousand dollars remained available for arts supplies, pending the department making a formal and specific request for what to purchase.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Ms D’ALESSIO moved to approve an expenditure of \$3,510.00 to Dun-Wel Lithograph for school brochures, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr COHEN moved to approve an expenditure of \$4,980.00 to Newcastle Tuckpointing, to purchase and install new stairs for the Driver’s Education trailer. Seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. Voting in favor were CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, KARASTANOVIC, NAEEM, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN. Voting against was REED. The motion was approved.

Mr CHINCHILLA moved to approve the internal accounts for October 2014, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Late Thursday night after report card pickup, a few alarming messages were posted online by a student. The student’s information was referred to the CPD and the student was promptly apprehended. This coming Thursday there will be a discussion with the student body about not “being a bystander”. The student is currently suspended from Amundsen, it is planned that he will not be returning to this school, and it is the intention of the administration to take all necessary actions to ensure that this student receives due process protections as required, and that he does not ever return.

One security guard resigned recently; we will be posting the job soon. In the meantime, we have some temps from CPS.

New brochures were printed. In them we claimed to be a “top tier IB program”, which is technically true, but CPS discourages comparisons across programs, so we were instructed to change the language.

Recruiting continues; Ms PAVICHEVICH will be visiting a house party on Thursday to talk about Amundsen to 20 local families.

Open house went well; over 250 families attended. There are fewer questions about safety and more about programming, which is great.

Boot Camp is back. Invitations will be given out soon. We will have 3 classes this year.

Lumity is back, to run a program including internships with a small group. This will be focused on AVID.

Alderman O'Connor requested another TIF proposal for a couple million dollars of investment, and is advancing the request. It includes: new gym bleachers, refinished gym floors, retractable basketball backboards, complete gut of the fitness center, new girls locker room, and more.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr JOHNSON reports he is planning to move his family to Evanston early next year, which will result in his having to resign as LSC Chair at that time.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The PPLC surveyed the staff about capital investment needs.

PARENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Turnout was better at our last meeting. The next meeting will be about restorative justice. College related programming is deemed to be too “student-focused” for the parent’s committee to be allowed to spend money on it.

STUDENT'S REPORT

The running teams would like to get starting blocks — other schools have them when we travel to “away” meets, but since we do not have them, it is difficult to learn to use them.

The IB classrooms are reasonably well supplied with technology, but other classrooms are not as well supplied, in part because the non-IB faculty have not been aggressively pursuing outside funding, such as through “Donors Choose”.

Numerous seniors have requested to be allowed to leave the building during lunch. The LSC chose not address a change in policy that would allow this.

The school coffee shop was discussed. Unfortunately, the administration was told CPS does not allow student run enterprises to compete with the lunchroom. Ms NAEEM will investigate how Northside College Prep is able to run a similar enterprise.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.