LSC Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Held in the Library, Amundsen HS

The meeting convened at 6:03pm.  
In attendance: CHINCHILLA, DAVILA, FARSTER, GORSKI, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REYNOLDS [arrived 6:17pm], VEGA, YEE, ZEHREN  
Not attending: CORDERO, PHUTHAPHAN

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

The LSC reviewed the accounts from December. The LSC requested that the administration speak with teachers who have long time outstanding “Joy of Teaching” money, so that the money can actually be spent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the minutes for July and September 2019, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Happy new year!

Our athletics program is working well. Adrian Jackson is doing a great job in particular—he even has stepped in as the Dance coach after the incumbent left. Games are being televised, tournaments are being organized. Our football team jumped up 5 divisions. Off-season conditioning is happening all over the building after school. We have somewhere between 8 and 30 banners that we need to hang. Our expectations are high and they are being met.

We have a few positions open, including covering Evan Soto’s position entirely with overtime (at a cost of $38,359 for the rest of the year). If we get TAT’s, those expenses will be paid by the district, but we need to actually find the candidates. DEY has also not started yet, so our teachers are doing after school tutoring as well.
Boot Camp is starting. We were not able to get Princeton to do it (no Chicago staff were available) so we are back to Kaplan. There will be 8 sessions for the SAT, including 2 practice tests. For the PSAT, there will only be 5 sessions. 9th and 10th graders will only be allowed to take the PSAT boot camp. We’ll also have a DL boot camp, focused on teaching kids to take proper advantage of their accommodations. The Boot Camp is costing $25K. Good attendance at regular classes will be required for students to qualify for boot camp.

Tutoring varies from week to week, averaging around 30 hours per week, costing about $25K to the end of the year if DEY does not start, but rumors are that DEY will indeed begin soon. We’ve spent about $7K so far for tutoring.

We will get a $8K check for the music department from John Buck.

All the kids who went to the regional science fair won gold medals and are going to the city-wide science fair.

We got our GoCPS projections. We think we will be accepting about 400 freshmen next year: 60 for CTE, 170 for GROW & neighborhood, and 170 for IB. The number of students who ranked us in the top 3 choices is up by a couple hundred.

Our current enrollment is 1367. There are 267 seniors graduating. We think we’ll fill 400 seats in round one. We don’t have enough space for much more than 400 students, and we’ll be in a good position even if we fall short of 400, so we don’t plan to take any students after round one.

Attendance this year is down quite a bit, about 2%, mostly due to the strike and related schedule changes.

**CHAIR REPORT**

The Friday basketball game was fantastic, and Mr Jackson did a great job. A “booster club” through FoA for fine arts is possibly spinning up as well.

**BILINGUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The BAC has had 3 meetings, and an enthusiastic parent who has taken the lead on reviving this committee. We might try to have a workshop for Spanish-speaking parents, to help them learn how to communicate with the school.

**FRIENDS OF AMUNDESEN**

The “Raise the Sails” event will be April 24th at 7pm at the Ravenswood Event Center. This space can host up to 400 people, much more than at the venue last year. The Amundsen Allies program is also continuing.
The LSCAB reviewed the policy on art in CPS. They reviewed the policy for how to equitably share art assets across schools.

**AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDRAISING**

The Best Buddies program wants to sell heart-shaped candy-grams, to foster friendship and inclusion between diverse learners and others. 100% of gross proceeds will go to support the diverse learners programs at Amundsen.

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

**ADJOURN**

*The LSC adjourned at 7:28pm.*