

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:11pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, DANAHER [arrived 6:15pm],
MARTEL, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, SOTIROVA,
VEGA, ZEHREN [arrived 6:15pm]

Not attending: DAVILA, GORSKI, MAHONEY, REED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Makela from GROW Community shared that Hawthorne Elementary will be hosting an event for Amundsen and Lakeview on March 7, probably at 6pm. GROW also plans to push out new signs in the spring, once the weather is better for lawn signs.

Our student mentoring initiative will actually be getting off the ground; about two dozen upper class students will be participating as mentors.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

Internal accounts reports are delayed due to the CPS central office taking over the reconciling for the accounts.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

We finished the first semester. Our freshman On Track is 94.3%, which is ok. The sophomores on track are just above 93%, which is stellar; usually this number is in the 70s.

Lots of fellows activity continues for Ms PAVICHEVICH, especially going to meetings downtown.

CPS declared 4 furlough days, which impacts professional development. All four days are non-student attendance time, so they time comes directly or indirectly out of principal directed professional development time.

Despite the reductions, none of the metrics on high stakes testing will change, even though we are changing to the SAT this year. Because of this change in testing, the calculation of growth measures is quite complicated, as this requires a previous comparably scaled test to compare against; we may end up measuring the academic growth of current juniors taking the SAT by looking back as far as 8th grade.

On Tuesday April 4th, we will do PSAT testing for 9th and 10th graders, which will be the new baseline for next year's measurement of growth. The following day, Juniors will sit

for the SAT, all other students will not come to school. Then Thursday, will be one day of attendance for all before spring break, although we don't anticipate having great attendance that day.

We had a budgetary freeze of \$151,698, which is supposedly 50% of our non-staff expenses. It's not a formal cut (yet), as they hope to get some kind of resolution in Springfield to the CPS funding crisis. This number is not based on enrollment.

We cut a lot of stuff: admin parking, car fare, substitute teachers, instructional materials, departmental supplies. We also shifted a position from SBB to SGSA. We have encouraged our teachers to keep a lid on the use of sick time. Although teachers are entitled by contract to take sick time as necessary, we have made it known to the staff that keeping expenses down for substitute teachers allows us to have some SGSA rollover funds for next year, which will be important given our expectation of further cuts.

Next year CPS is going to a single application for High Schools. The result of that is two-fold: first, if a student commits to an IB program, that student cannot leave without calling downtown. Second, Principal discretion is being disabled. This will be disruptive to the GROW Community model, where we accept all students from our feeder schools regardless of the student's home address, so we are going to fight against that.

We have started first plan for construction (capital improvements). The scope of work on construction may be expanded, as the cost of the initial plan is coming in far enough below our capital budget that there may be room to do additional work.

PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

We had a successful CPR training, about 30 people attended.

STUDENTS REPORT

We have selected Cornerstone Community Outreach to be the beneficiary of our clothing drive. This Saturday we will inventory the collected clothing, and plan to make the donation by the end of the month.

FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN

On March 30, from 6-10pm we will hold "Celebrity Bar Night", a fundraiser directed to supporting clubs and sports. Admission will be \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.