LSC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2018
Held in the Library, Amundsen HS

The meeting convened at 6:00pm.
In attendance: DAVILA, GORSKI, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN,
REYNOLDS, YEE, ZEHREN
Not attending: CORDERO, CHINCHILLA, DEL VALLE, MARTEL, NEWMAN, VEGA

PUBLIC COMMENT

GROW Community is helping to organize a meeting for Ms PAVICHEVICH and PJ Karafiol of Lake View HS, to talk with the principals for the feeder elementary schools about executive functioning.

Friends of Amundsen has their fundraiser scheduled for May 3rd at Trigger (California and Addison); they are looking for donations, and are doubling their goal from last year.

There is also a new committee called the “post secondary” committee, focused on making college and career readiness goals more accessible to students and parents.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the minutes for December 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

There are no spending items for approval.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The owner of Northside Toyota is offering an opportunity for students to attend a training school on Saturdays, and after high school graduation they will sponsor students to attend an auto mechanic training program, with guaranteed employment on successful completion of the program.

A variety of athletics programs are having amazing success, including the Special Olympics team.

Amundsen is slated to host the 40th ward Aldermanic forum. We have laid out some rules for decorum at this event, as we expect many of our students to attend and we want them to have a positive experience.
SAT prep is full speed ahead. We had about 60 teachers here for 6 hours on Saturday, learning about classroom strategies directly from the College Board. We have heard from the district that we are the only school putting together such a comprehensive strategy for SAT prep.

Boot Camp is starting soon, we had session with the students on it. We gave out the forms, and about 68 students have submitted applications, but only about 10 juniors. Gear Up is also taking some kids for prep. When students sign up, they commit to attend the boot camp classes, and are charged a fee if they then decide not to attend — there is no net fee for students if they attend the course.

There will be one more IB info session, and there will be a GROW event around the time that decision letters are sent out.

Regarding enrollment, we got 2,700 more applications in total than we did last year at this time. Among the applications where an Amunds en program is listed in the top 3 ranked choices, we received almost 800 more applications than at the similar time last year. However, these applications are inflated somewhat, as due to technical limitations, the GROW application path appeared to be available to students city-wide, although only GROW applications from students actually coming from our designated feeder schools will be ultimately accepted.

Last year, the freshman class came in at 376. After that class enrollment was accepted, our space allocation was adjusted by Jimm Dispensa, adding in two classrooms for the special education cluster program, but we are still operating reasonably this year. Our enrollment projection from CPS for next year is 360, which is puzzling. In particular, they projects 75 CTE students, which is entirely unrealistic — either we will have the same 56-60 students as previous years for two classrooms worth of students, or if the program adds a classroom (which is not our intent) then it should jump up by more than 15. For the IB program, they projected 160 students but we think 180 is more realistic. For GROW, we think we’ll have about 145, and typically more than half are neighborhood students. In total, we expect to get at least 400 freshmen enrolling next year.

Ms PAVICHEVICH was invited to apply to the Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program, which would involve a 10 day trip to a training program in Finland in March if she is selected. She will learn in February if she is selected.

Ms ZEHREN inquired about the planning for the Talent Show; it can be hosted if someone volunteers to organize it.

The memorial for the Pulse Nightclub event is being set up.

There was a damage incident over winter break. On December 31, a water fountain pipe broke. The Aramark staff on duty at the time just mopped up the water they found, and did not investigate or further report the problem. The ceilings in the book room, the
teacher’s work room, and the pool caved in, the floor started buckling in the gym, and the pool had to be closed, as lead paint from the ceiling ended up in the pool.

Colleen Murray is managing the new website. The transition to the new website was troublesome.

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The PPLC is filming content for the professional development video. They expect to be done at the end of the month.

**ADJOURN**

_The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm._