

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:09pm.

In attendance: COHEN, D’ALESSIO, EVANS [arrived 6:44pm], JOHNSON, MUÑOZ, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN [arrived 7:10pm], REED

Not attending: VEGA

There is one vacant parent seat, one vacant student seat, and one vacant ESP seat.

The council has a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes as amended for the regular meeting in May, seconded by Mr JOHNSON. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Interviews for coaching positions were completed; a few positions remain open. The athletics program is very important for the school, as athletes have demonstrated superior commitment to their education. Although there has been some discontent with the interview process, overall it was positively received.

Attendance continues to be a primary focus. The current attendance rate is approximately 88.95%. Unlike prior years, seniors were required to attend school during the day before prom in order to be allowed to attend the prom; most did so. The senior contract, which demands school attendance in order to allow participation in desirable school events, has had a significant positive impact.

In addition, tardiness has been massively reduced by changing the hallway environment between classes. Teachers help police the hallways between classes, and this has greatly improved the environment.

The Budget

Ms PAVICHEVICH introduced the FY 2014 proposed budget. The summary page provided by CPS indicated a total budget of \$11,967,853, which represented a decrease

of \$781,626, although this summary page was incomplete, as several budget lines including Cellular Revenue were left blank.

As the overall school budget had been provided to Ms PAVICHEVICH by CPS only days before (and several months late), a specific allocation of funds within the school to positions and other expenses was not yet available.

A primary concern for the school's budget is capital investment in technology. Our school simply lacks the necessary technology to teach modern skills; there are no computer labs in the school, and we are simply not able to teach any computer-based classes. The technology audit has been completed, and we are awaiting a formal result of the audit.

The budget allocation changes, within the constraints of available funding from CPS, are being driven by student needs and staff needs. We will determine what our needs are; once our needs are defined, specific teacher layoffs will be determined based exclusively on the rules and formulas defined in the union contract.

Standard class sizes are not expected to increase, although there will be a notable reduction in the number of small classes.

The LSC scheduled a special meeting for June 22, to consider the budget allocations after they have been produced and reviewed by the PPLC and Network Chief.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Ms D'ALESSIO moved to approve the expenditure of \$14,022.59 to Marriott for prom, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr COHEN moved to approve the internal accounts for May, seconded by Mr JOHNSON. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr Williams provided a revised amendment for the FY2013 (Current Year) budget, outlining spending of rollover and additional funds:

Attendance & Discipline Consultant (Foundations):	\$3,652.50
Tutoring:	\$42,312.77
Enrichment (Band):	\$28,000
Enrichment (Athletics):	\$7,038.25
Technology:	\$15,000
Misc. Employee for school records project:	\$14,309.25
PD Registration and School Membership Fees:	\$1,300
Total:	\$111,612.77

The budget amendment incorporates substantially only those items previously individually authorized by the LSC (or which required no authorization), and does not contemplate any new spending for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The remaining balance of \$24,940.85 will be carryover to FY2014.

Mr JOHNSON moved to approve the budget for FY2013 as amended, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms MUÑOZ moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.