

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:12pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, MILATOVIC, MUÑOZ [arrived 6:15pm], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, RODAS, VEGA

Not attending: KARASTANOVIC

The council has a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2014, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ms Eilers gave a brief update on the “Inside Out” project. There is a tentative installation date of June 11. There will also be a community event Art Walk on June 12. There are 71 large format photographs as a part of the project.

Our school year is winding down. We are implementing several attendance incentives, and students with poor attendance will see consequences: around two dozen students will not be attending prom primarily because of attendance issues. We are offering a variety of positive incentives as well: preferred seating at prom, pampering packages, etc.

The Freshman on Track rate is at about 82%, up substantially over last year.

The Vice Provost from NEIU will be the graduation speaker.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Last night an “On the Table” event was held at Amundsen, co-sponsored by the Friends of Amundsen. The discussion was focused on how to build a coherent K-12 educational experience.

BUDGET

Ms PAVICHEVICH and Mr Williams provided a budget for the 2014-15 school year.

| Description | Budget Allocation |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| SBB Allocations | 6,319,163.00 |
| SGSA Budget | 829,197.00 |
| NCLB Parent Inv Budget | 7,668.00 |
| NCLB Budget | 495,608.00 |
| Bilingual Grant | 10,626.00 |
| Total | 7,662,262.00 |

The budget implies a reduction of 10 instructional faculty, and 3 educational support personnel. The reductions by department will be 2 each from Social Studies and Special Education, and 1 each from English, Math, Science, Art, World Language, and Counseling. There will also be a reduction in the amount of operational funding, although no programs currently supported by CPS funds are planned to be cut entirely. At least 5 staff have already announced that they will be leaving voluntarily; more may do so before involuntary personnel action is undertaken over the summer.

Certain programs (notably the ACT Boot Camp) were funded this year by external grant money. We hope to receive similar grants again next year to maintain those programs.

Mr COHEN moved to approve the budget for the 2014-15 School Year, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN

Ms PAVICHEVICH introduced a slight revision to the CIWP, at the direction of the CPS central office. We were instructed to add priorities for Art, and Diverse Learners.

Ms D'ALESSIO moved to approve the revised CIWP, seconded by Ms VEGA. Voting in favor were CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D'ALESSIO, JOHNSON, MILATOVIC, MUÑOZ, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, RODAS, and VEGA. Mr REED abstained.

FUNDRAISING

Mr Olsen asked for approval of a fundraising activity. The Pepsico company picnic will be held in Lincoln Park over the summer. The Amundsen Sports Program will provide 4 adults and some students to volunteer for one day to assist in operating rides or activities. In exchange, the school will receive \$650.

Mr CHINCHILLA moved to approve the participation in this activity, seconded by Mr COHEN. Voting in favor were CHINCHILLA, COHEN, D'ALESSIO, JOHNSON, MILATOVIC, MUÑOZ, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, RODAS, and VEGA. Mr REED abstained

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

A teacher needs to be reimbursed \$5935 for out of pocket expenses relating to the school's trip for "Physics Day" (Great America would not accept a CPS check).

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve the reimbursement of of \$5,935 to Mr Kinkus for Physics Day, seconded by Ms D'ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr CHINCHILLA moved to approve a payment of \$2,608 to Josten's for diploma covers, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.