

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:08pm.

In attendance: COHEN, GORSKI, MAHONEY, NEWMAN,
PAVICHEVICH, REED, SOTIROVA

Not attending: BIJEDIC, CHINCHILLA, KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ, PEDERSEN, VEGA

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDRAISING

Mr Straka, coach of the women's soccer team, proposed a fundraising activity in conjunction with the Chicago Fire. We would sell tickets to a Chicago Fire game, and keep a portion of the proceeds (\$5 per ticket). If, together with the team from Schurz, we sell a sufficient number of tickets (500), we would be able to play our regularly scheduled game against Schurz on the stadium field at Toyota Park, immediately after the Fire game on April 2. If we don't reach the quota, we still play the game but on a practice field outside the stadium.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the fundraiser, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr Williams detected fraudulent activity on our accounts. About \$580 across two checks was stolen. We reported the fraud to the police and Chase bank, and the school will not be liable for the stolen funds, although we will be receiving new account numbers.

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the Internal Accounts from February 2016, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is a quiet time of year. On Tuesday we will have some surprise awards for perfect attendance, honor roll, etc.

We are working on recruiting, in conjunction with GROWcommunity. We're back in elementary schools talking to 8th graders.

We'll be having a "Taste of IB" event to recruit, targeted at students who have already received an acceptance letter for our program, partly as a response to a similar event begin hosted by Senn HS.

We have raised our cutoff score for acceptance to the IB program to 560 from 530 (not to 575 as proposed at the previous LSC meeting).

Our enrollment projection for next year has been set at 1183, which is a pleasant increase from the current year (which was 1140). For many years we had slowly decreasing enrollment projections, so it is great to have increasing projections.

We will have 3 furlough days in the rest of the year; one on Good Friday and two more on the days after the final day of student attendance. Principals and central office staff will also have 2 more days off during spring break.

We had 161 students with perfect attendance (488 had 95%+). 35 students had straight-A honor roll.

This summer, we will again not have summer school. We will have some additional construction work over the summer: the other computer lab, the Dyson STEM Center, and some other work. We anticipate that the Dyson Foundation may provide some additional private funds next year to help build our engineering program.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
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No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms SOTIROVA suggested having some kind of "monitored" open campus. This would be some opportunity to go outside on school grounds, perhaps within the enclosed courtyard on the north side of the building. But, we don't have any outdoor furniture to support this kind of activity. Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated that to do any other kind of more "traditional" open campus would require a much more serious review by the administration, parents, and the community.

FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN REPORT

We also transferred the \$2,000 donation from Congressman Quigley, and purchased equipment for the band. We'll also have a track and field event for 5-8th graders on April 10th. We have a fee waiver for Jorndt Stadium and we will partner with "We Got Game" to run the event. We'll also have a parent mixer on Friday April 1.

We were awarded a grant of \$100K from the Chicago Cubs charitable arm to refurbish the baseball diamonds. The big announcement will happen on the field at Wrigley some time in April. Work will probably happen during the month of August.

LETTER TO SENATOR STEANS

Mr COHEN presented a draft letter to State Senator Heather Steans as a rebuke for her past support of a federal grant to build new charter schools in Chicago. The council agreed to have a few members work out the text of the letter before the next meeting.

LSC ELECTION

The LSC agreed to set the LSC Candidate's forum for March 31 at 6pm. The next regular meeting was also rescheduled from April 5 to March 31, also at 6pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.