

# LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



**AMUNDSEN**  
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:00pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, COHEN, KARASTANOVIC, MAHONEY, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, SOTIROVA, VEGA

Not attending: BIJEDIC, MUÑOZ, NEWMAN

*The council had a quorum in attendance.*

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

## SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

The school received a \$5,000 donation from Alderman Pawar's PAC to support the school's collaboration with the University of Chicago.

*Mr COHEN moved to approve the internal accounts for August, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Ms MAHONEY moved to approve the expenditure of \$34,095.67 to Josten's for yearbooks for 2015, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Relatively little has happened since last month, as it was a quiet time leading up to the new school year. Almost all school construction has been finished with the exception of the school gyms, and the science labs which have some water issues. The school looks great. At least one gym will be completed by homecoming, and we will have the homecoming dance there.

Today was the first day of school, everything went smoothly. We had 58 students who did not show on the first day, which puts us slightly below projection but we hope to get a few more to show up over the next few days. We think we will hit our enrollment projections on the 10th or 20th day (it is not clear when the counting is done) and will be OK from a budget perspective.

Teacher's were good during professional development in the week leading up to school; many came in on the weekend to get classrooms ready (in part because construction

was not complete during the professional development week and not all rooms were available yet).

One teacher resigned on the first day of school, which was inconvenient, but Ms PAVICHEVICH accepted the resignation because don't want to keep staff that don't want to be here. We will move to replace this position ASAP.

Class sizes are not a problem currently. We worked hard to program everyone well in advance and there are only a few classes with more than the target of 28 students, which we hope to address promptly.

Our SQRP results are not available and we don't know when we will get them.

The school's 8th grade open house will be Saturday, November 7, an event like last year.

#### **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Starting to tackle the cell phone problem. The staff started by thinking about creating a central policy on phones, but decided a school-wide directive was not a good solution. Some teachers do not want phones used at all, while others actually incorporate device use into the classroom and learning environment.

#### **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We are required to have 2 meetings (budget and principal meeting) before the end of September, stacked together so parents need only come out once. We have not had a budget yet because of CPS delays.

#### **STUDENT REPORT**

No report.

#### **FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN**

Hope to have a back-to-school event on September 23 at 7 at a local establishment.

They then hope to have an open house at the school around December, once construction is done.

#### **PRINCIPAL EVALUATION AND RETENTION**

The council decided to defer beginning this process to October.

**ADJOURN**

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.*