

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:10pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, GORSKI, MAHONEY, NEWMAN,
PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, SOTIROVA

Not attending: BIJEDIC, COHEN, KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ, VEGA

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Makela, executive director from GROWCommunity asked us to spread the word about the upcoming parent panel and reception, on May 21. The target audience is elementary schools.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr Williams noted that the effects of closing and reopening the bank accounts (due to the fraudulent activity last month) has not yet cleared the system. We also began collecting student fees from students for next year; about 24 families have paid next years fees.

Mr REED moved to approve the Internal Accounts from April 2016, seconded by Ms GORSKI. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the minutes from 31 March 2016, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We had another successful special olympics team; about 7 or 8 students have qualified for the state competition.

Our Aspen Challenge team won their city-wide competition, and will be taking their project to the national forum in Aspen, CO.

Ms PAVICHEVICH reported attending a "finance impact conversation", where she saw a proposed budget for another school, for which the projected cuts were described as draconian.

CPS central office has instructed us that all purchase orders for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending June 30) must be entered before May 13th.

The school-wide transcendental meditation program contemplated for next year has been abandoned; we will not be prepared to implement the program given all the other changes coming.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Ms PAVICHEVICH has been instructed by the CPS central office to “preserve” \$110,250 in core funds (SBB, SGSA and Title 1 funds) the current fiscal year. She has identified that we will be able to meet this goal through additional identified savings, although this will require spending approximately \$30,000 out of internal accounts.

Mr REED moved to authorize an internal transfer of \$110,250 onto the budget line designated by CPS for “Funds Preservation” within the SBB, SGSA, and Title 1, seconded by Mr CHINCHILLA. Voting in favor were CHINCHILLA, MAHONEY, PETERSON, GORSKI, REED. Voting against were NEWMAN, SOTIROVA. Ms PAVICHEVICH abstained.

At least eight (8) affirmative votes in high schools are required to approve school budget transfers within funds. The motion failed.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Ms MAHONEY reported her daughter accepted a 4 year full tuition scholarship to Butler University.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are trying to do a CPR workshop. Ms PAVICHEVICH volunteered to be the dummy for the class, so parents would be trained to resuscitate her next year after the impending budget cuts.

STUDENT REPORT

Ms SOTIROVA suggested that, as we approach the end of the year, we could arrange some after school “reversal” lessons, where the students can act as teachers. This could possibly fulfill service hour requirements.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.