

# LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



**AMUNDSEN**  
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:15pm.

In attendance: BIJEDIC [arrived 6:56pm], CHINCHILLA [arrived 7:44pm], COHEN, GORSKI, MAHONEY, NEWMAN,

PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED [departed 7:53pm], VEGA

Not attending: KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ, SOTIROVA

*The council had a quorum in attendance.*

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The council held the LSC Election Candidate's Forum at the beginning of the meeting.

## SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

We recently sent letter to the homes of students who are delinquent in playing their student fees. The total balance owed is about \$44K across about 350 students.

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Ms MAHONEY moved to approve the minutes from 9 February, 3 March and 21 March 2016, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have been asked to preserve \$110,250 in cash. This is not a formal budget cut but instead a request to leave free cash in our budgeted accounts at the end of the year, at which time the money will be swept by CPS. Ms PAVICHEVICH met with the staff to discuss the school priorities and build consensus as to what programs to cut and what to protect. Ms PAVICHEVICH presented a summary of the results of that meeting to the LSC, although the details of exactly what the proposed cuts would be was not finalized. Ms PAVICHEVICH agreed to bring a proposal for shifting funds and cutting spending to the next LSC meeting.

Amundsen will be a contingency site for the strike happening tomorrow. We have 2 students signed up to attend, and approximately 70 non-union staff from a variety of nearby high schools have been assigned to work at Amundsen tomorrow. There is a day of activities planned for any students who attend.

By April 12 our summer construction project will go out to bid. We are going to build out our Dyson “Maker Lab” and computer labs, and so the entire building will be closed all summer.

We are having an IB celebration on April 12, we have 133 students who signed up already for the IB program for next year, and there will be some more in round 2 coming up.

We have been selected by the district to compete in the Aspen Challenge, which will be an exciting competition. Our student team is focusing on light pollution.

Friends of Amundsen is having a “mix and mingle” fundraiser tomorrow, and the track and field day is coming up as well.

Forrest Claypool and Janice Jackson visit the school recently, and gave a press conference to discuss the strike, although they also met with the administration and had some positive discussions about our school.

Last year we attempted to start a Japanese program at our school, and we were unsuccessful. But, Ms PAVICHEVICH received a specific invitation from the Japan Foundation of Los Angeles, to attend an expenses paid networking trip for educators to Japan. Also, the Japanese Consulate in Chicago contacted the school to see if we would be willing to participate in a Japanese exchange program, where a cohort of 22 of our students would go on a trip to Japan and we would host a cohort of Japanese students here.

Last week Ms PAVICHEVICH spoke at a transcendental meditation (TM) discussion program downtown, hosted by Candy Crowley. After that the University of Chicago met with us and informed us they would like to continue the TM program at Amundsen next year. However, they would like to expand the program to be school-wide, and run as a controlled experiment, where half of our students would participate in TM and the other half would get a similar amount of non-TM quiet time each day. Ms PAVICHEVICH sought to get LSC buy-in before committing to putting this offer to the wider school community. This program would be fully funded by the University of Chicago. This program would require a schedule change for the entire school, to set aside a sufficient block of time for TM, resulting in trimming 3 minutes off each class the rest of the day.

Mr COHEN asked about the opt-out of the PARCC test, and whether the central office pushed hard to have our school encourage students *not* to opt out. Ms PAVICHEVICH shared that there was some such pressure but it was mostly ignored, as there were so few students at our school who apparently wanted to opt out.

<b>CHAIR’S REPORT</b>
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No report.

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

No report.

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The PAC had a meeting and discussed ACT standardized testing.

**STUDENT REPORT**

No report.

**PRINCIPAL EVALUATION**

*The council entered closed session at 8:22pm.*

*The council entered open session at 8:29pm.*

*Mr COHEN moved to adopt the principal evaluation scores, seconded by Mr CHINCHILLA. Voting in favor was BIJEDIC, CHINCHILLA, COHEN, GORSKI, MAHONEY, NEWMAN, PEDERSEN, VEGA.*

**ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.*