LSC Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
Held in the Library, Amundsen HS

The meeting convened at 6:07pm.  
In attendance: CORDERO, CHINCHILLA [arrived 6:18pm], DANAHER,  
DAVILA, GORSKI, HERMANSON, MARTEL [departed 8:00pm], NEWMAN,  
PAVICHEVICH, REED, VEGA, ZEHREN  
Not attending: SADIQ

PUBLIC COMMENT

GROW Community had an event at Coonley to promote Amundsen and Lake View,  
which was a great success — about 375 people attended, from families with students in  
as many as 31 different elementary schools (public, private, parochial).

The GROW spring planting event is coming up.

There was some discussion about “vaping” at school. It was agreed that this is a  
concern, and that the students may not really understand that “not as bad as smoking”  
is not the same as “good”. Ms PAVICHEVICH discussed that the school is taking this  
topic seriously, although technically vaping is legal so the interventions the school can  
use are different and more limited than interventions around illegal drugs.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

There are no spending items for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

*Ms GORSKI moved to approve the minutes for July and September 2017,  
seconded by Mr MARTEL. The motion passed unanimously.*

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The SAT was administered today, only 2 juniors did not take the test today; one is in the  
hospital and the other was just promoted to junior status a week ago.

We received a donation of 100 tickets to go to a Cubs game on Thursday at 1:20.

The GROW event was great. Largely the people there were 5th and 6th graders,  
families looking forward are very enthusiastic.
On May 14th, the Jorndt’s are doing the annual award ceremony, plus they will announce their $1M donation, which will match $1M each from TIF and CPS to renovate the stadium.

We are featured in the Illinois Association for Supervision Curriculum and Development’s newsletter, a very nice honor.

Two congressmen accepted the student’s invitation to attend a forum to discuss gun violence. We are also having a lot of “day of actions” around gun violence, and while we’re also very concerned about the topic, we are trying to encourage these events to happen outside regular school hours.

We had our IB Career Program certification meeting, which went well, and we anticipate they will approve us to begin the CP program next year. We also met with Northwestern yesterday, to work on collaborating with the Segal Design Institute on a design and engineering curriculum, which we hope to expand to a 4 year program for students.

We are to be designated a “wall to wall” IB program by CPS and the Mayor’s office. This is substantially what we’ve been working towards anyhow, so it does not represent a significant change in plan, although we do expect to get some more support from CPS to make it happen. We will not actually deliver the most rigorous “IB” curriculum to all students, but we will apply the IB teaching style and structure across all courses.

GoCPS is still a little bit of a mystery, but we are thinking it will end up being good for Amundsen. Initial offers were made for 60 CTE seats 60 offers were made, 31 have accepted, 7 declined, and the rest are still pending. For 180 IB seats, 187 offers made, although 400 students qualified; 94 accepted, 39 declined. For GROW, potentially 137 offers were made, and 62 students have accepted those so far. Decisions on these can still potentially be made or changed until Friday. There will be a round 2, but we don’t know how that will work.

We expect to get a budget in the next couple weeks. We appealed our projected enrollment, which was 1,212, and we will be tentatively funded for 1,277, however if that enrollment does not materialize they will claw back budget finds to the 1,212 level. As part of the budget, we’ll be hiring a Japanese teacher and a counselor, among other positions. We’re also spending remaining funds this year on capital investment (e.g. technology, instruments, books) for future years.

Ms PAVICHEVICH introduced Dylan Marino, the runner-up for the last LSC student poll, who is attending the meeting to provide some input from students, as our actual appointed student representative has not attended the LSC meetings in months.

We had 3 teams present at the Lumity dinner, and Ms PAVICHEVICH was the featured speaker.
PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Will reconvene on Friday to discuss future work.

STUDENT REPORT

We had a student walk-out. It was well organized and safe.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr NEWMAN moved to initiate the process to formally remove the student representative Ms SADIQ for non-attendance at LSC meetings, seconded by Mr REED. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

The LSC entered closed session at 7:01pm.

The LSC entered open session at 8:25pm.

The evaluation was shared with Ms PAVICHEVICH.

Mr REED moved adopt the principal evaluation, seconded by Ms DAVILA. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.