

# LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



**AMUNDSEN**  
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:00pm.

In attendance: GORSKI, KARASTANOVIC, MAHONEY,  
NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH

Not attending: BIJEDIC, CHINCHILLA, COHEN, MUÑOZ, PEDERSEN, REED,  
SOTIROVA, VEGA

*The council did not have a quorum in attendance.*

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public introduced himself.

## SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

*Approval of internal accounts was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have had perhaps half a million dollars of scholarship money earned by this year's senior class. We have also for the first time ever made it possible for our students to apply for the Gates Millennium scholarship with the support of the school. We are tracking scholarships better than in the past, but we rely on student self reporting for this scholarship info, so it may not be complete.

AP Nguyen met with the head of IB for CPS. In previous years, Amundsen's incoming IB students enter Freshman year typically as some of the lowest performing IB students in the city, but at Amundsen they make the largest gains and graduate with equal or better academic performance to students in other IB programs. This year, our incoming IB class is one of the best in the city already, and we have high hopes that they will make similar gains.

We also had a high turnout for the recent IB info session.

We are beginning the IB recertification process this year. We will be recertifying both the diploma and middle years program.

Otherwise, things are going well this year. Attendance is running around 93%, and much higher among Freshmen.

Our students write letters to elected representatives in Springfield to lobby for fair funding for CPS. The letters were screened by the school administration to ensure nothing was inappropriate before being sent, but on the whole they were very good. We also made a professionally produced video in support of the effort.

We did have some Special Education cuts from CPS, and we have (or will tomorrow) let 2 staff members go because of the cuts. As for other budget cuts, we do not know if or when they will happen.

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

No report.

#### **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We had someone from the David Lynch Foundation visit to talk about the meditation program.

#### **STUDENT REPORT**

No report.

#### **ELIMINATION OF CLASS RANK**

Ms PAVICHEVICH shared that the administration investigated the proposal and decided that eliminating class rank was not advisable, as it is too ingrained within the college application process. Since we will have to report rank anyhow, pretending that we do not have a class rank is not useful for the school.

#### **RESCHEDULING MEETINGS**

The council discussed the possibility of rescheduling the January LSC meeting to accommodate the expected budget amendment coming from CPS. It was agreed that we would meet one week early on January 5, as long as there was a budget amendment available at that time.

#### **ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.*