

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:00pm.

In attendance: DAVILA, GORSKI, MARTEL, MAHONEY [arrived 6:21], NEWMAN [arrived 6:15pm], PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN [arrived 6:19], REED, SOTIROVA, VEGA, ZEHREN

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, DANAHER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the minutes for the February 2017 meetings, seconded by Mr MARTEL. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

We saw a significant boost in enrollment for the upcoming year that has been driven by GROW Community, on the order of 50 students for next year. Many from schools such as Coonley, which have historically not sent many students here. A large percentage of these students are coming from our “feeder” schools but are not otherwise in-boundary. With this surge, we are looking at 1240 students for next year.

We are having major construction over the summer again. We will have new office spaces with full walls and private meeting spaces. Plus the teacher’s work room, restoration of windows in the weight room, and other projects. This will result in the entire building being sealed and off limits to all staff for several weeks beginning tomorrow after end of school.

We did get selected for the ISP program. We will be removed from the regular network, and we will not be subject to their review or supervision.

Two faculty are retiring. One of our counselors is also leaving, as well as one staff member from the attendance office, and our resident principal’s appointment is also ending.

Our metrics are ending the year well. Attendance is good, Freshman on Track as well. Our “Five Essentials” ratings are outstanding, best in the network. The highest rating is on “ambitious instruction”, which is a great outcome. We think our other metrics will come out well also.

The budget for next year is still unknown, and we don’t know when it will be available.

We are going to go back to having an advisory period next year, and we want to spend some money to have the faculty develop a useful curriculum for advisory. The advisory

is a program where a small cohort of students (30-35) meets once a week with a teacher, and that cohort (students + teacher) remains stable as much as possible across all 4 years that the students are enrolled at Amundsen.

We also want to have a Problems Based Inquiry (PBI). This involves having a large team of people come into the school for a week and observe everyone and everything for a solid week. This is an expensive review, but they provide a comprehensive and useful report.

We also had a visit with private and parochial school families, probably about 75 people, who came to discuss Amundsen. We don't know for sure how school enrollment will happen next year, as CPS is moving to a new system for high schools, but we are optimistic about enrollment numbers.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are starting work on the advisory curriculum.

SCHEDULE

The LSC set the 2017-18 organizational meeting for July 11 at 6pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.