

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:07pm.

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

Not attending: BIJEDIC, COHEN, KARASTANOVIC, MUÑOZ

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr Reed moved to approve the minutes for June 2, 2015 and July 7, 2015, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Access to the accounting system has been closed by CPS while the budget is being done, so we are unable to see (or approve) the accounts at this time.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Construction continues, not exactly on schedule. They will likely step up the pace with extra shifts to get as much as done as possible before school begins. The CPS construction management folks are doing a great job, riding herd over the contractor and making sure everything is done right. The gyms will be delayed due to a change in the subfloor construction, but should be done sometime in the autumn. Sports and gym classes will be held outside or at Chappell while our gyms are out of commission. Science lab countertops may not be done on time, but we are unsure.

The only work that won't be done this summer is the computer labs, which was supposed to be "guaranteed" but it turns out not.

Teachers are not permitted back until August 31, as the school is all a construction area (requiring hard hat and other protective gear) until then.

Fortunately the contractor will be cleaning the building (not Aramark) so it will be really truly clean for the first day of school.

Ms PAVICHEVICH was asked to be the principal coach for the interim principal at Senn, which is a huge vote of confidence by CPS.

We have made offers to teachers for Art, Social Science, and Spanish. The Art teacher is an experienced teacher from Farragut, and will be near the top of the pay ladder. The Spanish teacher is experienced but at charter schools rather than CPS, so he will enter at the bottom of the pay ladder, along with the Social Science teacher, who is new but was a student teacher at Amundsen last year and is very enthusiastic.

CPS decided to allow schools to decline the change in bell times, although Ms PAVICHEVICH was forced to choose to decline the change, or not, on the spot without consulting with staff about the choice.

Our expected enrollment is still up, about 20 over the official projection.

Friends of Pawar made a donation of \$5000 to the school to support our collaboration with the University of Chicago.

We have been selected by Mayor Emanuel to participate in a 5 school expansion of the STEM program. We will be partnering with the Dyson Foundation to expand our Science Technology Engineering & Math curriculum. We will get about \$50,000 in resources to invest. We may use some of this to possibly build a “maker” lab instead of a traditional computer lab.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
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No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

We are required to have 2 meetings (budget and principal meeting) and will do so shortly after school starts.

STUDENT REPORT

One of our students made a proposal to create a sociology course for the school. Since the set of courses for next year was already determined, Ms PAVICHEVICH suggested we could do a unit on sociology in another social science class, or to create a student club around the topic.

BUDGET

We are not sure about the budget because we don't have final numbers on the salary and benefit packages for the new hires. We've also set aside a considerable pool of money for possible teacher raises, since the teacher's contract is not settled.

We will need to outfit the weight room (equipment, not the room itself). We don't yet know where the money will come from for this.

In the meantime, some budget lines have been proposed to be changed:

		PROJECTED 2016	ACTUAL 2016	+/- CHANGE
SBB	Consolidated Sub Line	\$ 75,888.00	\$ 81,096.00	\$ 5,208.00
SBB	Athletic Director Stipend	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ -
SBB	ESP Bucket	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 19,797.00	\$ 5,297.00
SBB	CTU Instructional Materials	\$ 13,750.00	\$ 12,875.00	\$ (875.00)
SBB	AVID	\$ 8,050.00	\$ 8,050.00	\$ -
SBB	Copies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
SBB	IB Books	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SBB	Gardens Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
SBB	Buses	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ -
SBB	Bookroom	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ -
SBB	Supplies for Offices & Classrooms	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
SGSA	Consolidated Sub	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 5,208.00	\$ 1,488.00
SGSA	ESP Summer Bucket	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
SGSA	Summer Programming and Counseling	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
SGSA	CTU Instructional Materials	\$ 625.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 250.00
SGSA	Website	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
SGSA	Achieve 3000	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Title I	Consolidated Sub Line	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,720.00	\$ -
Title I	Security Bucket	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Title I	Teacher Bucket	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
Title I	Teacher Leadership Team OT	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ (20,000.00)
Title I	CTU Instructional Materials	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ (625.00)
Title I	Homeless/STLS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
NEW SBB	Leadership Development	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
NEW SBB	Attendance Office Support	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
NEW SBB	Academic Approach (data analysis, academic "boot camp")	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
NEW SBB	Contingency Funds	\$ -	\$ 192,182.00	\$ 192,182.00
		Total Allocated	\$ 355,771.00	
		Total Reserved	\$ 192,182.00	
			\$ 547,953.00	

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the budget line changes as proposed, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr NEWMAN moved to renew the principal's independent spending authority subject to a \$10,000 limit, through June 30, 2016 or any change in school principal; seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms VEGA moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.