

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:11pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA [arrived 8:04pm], COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, KARASTANOVIC [arrived 6:23pm], MILATOVIC, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED

Not attending: MUÑOZ, RODAS, VEGA

The council has a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

BUDGET

Ms PAVICHEVICH presented a preliminary evaluation of the school budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

	Allocation
Student Based	\$ 6,319,163.00
SGSA	\$ 829,197.00
Federal	\$ 495,608.00
Parent Involvement	\$ 10,569.00
Bilingual Grant	\$ 8,305.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,662,842.00

This budget is a significant reduction from current year spending, primarily due to an expected decrease in enrollment. Approximately 135 fewer students are currently projected for next year, although that figure fluctuates daily. There will be staffing impacts as a result.

We will be crafting a “values-based budget” to support our educational priorities.

The expected staffing changes (subject to revision as the budgeting process proceeds) are: Physical Education and Music departments are not anticipated to have staffing changes. Art, Math, and Science departments will probably have one fewer faculty member than this year. Social Studies will have two or three fewer positions (two of these faculty members will be departing voluntarily). The English department will see a

reduction of two to four (This department has been overstaffed for some time, as substantial literacy teaching now occurs in other courses). Counseling will have one fewer, departing voluntarily. There will also be a reduction of two to three educational support personnel and probably one fewer Special Education position. We anticipate not more than 11 involuntary personnel actions.

This year's summer school expenditures included a significant expenditure for technological work over the summer, which we will not replicate next year.

There will be a reduction of about \$20,000 in the extended day budget, although we hope to replace much of this funding from other sources (rollover, grant funding).

This year we experimented with a \$5,000 special budget for each department to spend on whatever the department deemed necessary. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue this next year.

We plan to continue the "Agile Mind" program, which is a two-period math class designed around an interactive computer program for students that require additional support. A preliminary evaluation of the performance of the program found it to be particularly useful, especially for the cost (\$9,550).

Mr PEDERSEN inquired about raising revenue through increases in summer school fees, but those fees are set by the central office and the school cannot change them.

There may be a termination of a security position by CPS; if this happens we will redirect those funds into a position to support proactive interactions (the "Care" team) instead of security.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WORK PLAN

Ms PAVICHEVICH introduced a revised CIWP. Much of the proposed document is dictated by the Central Office, and there is very little leeway for the LSC to modify the document.

The vision expressed in the CIWP focuses on making Amundsen High School THE school of choice for neighborhood families. The "Viking Way" (being Accountable, Honorable, and Scholarly) is a core principle.

Mr REED moved to approve the CIWP as proposed, seconded by Ms D'ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

The council entered closed session at 7:35pm.

The council entered open session at 8:15pm.

ADJOURN

Mr COHEN moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.