

# LSC Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2017

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



**AMUNDSEN**  
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:04pm.

In attendance: DANAHER, DAVILA, GORSKI, MAHONEY, MARTEL [arrived 6:15pm], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, ZEHREN

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, SADIQ, VEGA

## PRINCIPAL'S BUDGET REPORT

Last week at 1pm Thursday we received a budget. But currently our budget is a bit in flux, as the CPS central office has not been able to nail down the exact details in the Hyperion system.

Last year we had a 10th day projected enrollment of 1,163, which we hit almost exactly. This year we have a 10th day projected enrollment of 1,183. But, in the SIM (student information management system) we are showing about 1,235 students. Normally the projections are correct, but this year we think the projection this year is wrong, and our enrollment will shake out much higher than 1,183.

We expect part of this is related to a huge drop in our attrition, because our Freshman-on-Track rate is now so much higher than it has been historically. Another part is related to the success of GROW Community.

We suggest a compromise protected enrollment for budgetary purposes of 1,212 (half the difference). This will allow us funds to hire enough staff so that we will not be critically short-staffed if we do reach an enrollment of as much as 1,220.

We are also appealing our LRE numbers.

We are showing a deficit of \$277,500 under our current budget. Under the diverse learners line, we are showing a deficit of \$415,500. This relates to two SPED and two SECA positions, which are coming out of our normal discretionary budget and are to be funded by quote positions for our new SPED cluster.

We are also adding 0.5 quota positions to manage our application for the IB career program.

They are also providing a future adjustment to the budget to accommodate the difference between average teacher and SECA salaries and the actual salaries that we pay at Amundsen.

The position changes we are proposing for this year include:

- \* We will hire two Social Science teachers, for a net increase of one after one retirement.
- \* We have one retirement from English, and anticipate putting one temporary assigned teacher (TAT) in that position (to accommodate a teacher who will be gone for a year on FMLA).
- \* We will also hire a Computer Science position.
- \* One security guard.
- \* We lost a French teacher, and hired a Spanish teacher.
- \* We have already hired a 3rd counselor to re-fill a position.

We have also appealed to Dyson for a grant for salary assistance, to help cover some of these position.

We have long wanted to hire a Japanese teacher, especially since half the expense would be covered by the Japanese government, but we are unable to find a suitable and qualified candidate.

We are setting our budget for the year in anticipation of receiving additional funding when we hit our enrollment much higher than projected, and from Dyson. To do this, the current budget is set allocating only 1/3 of the operations for the year. If the enrollment fails to exceed the formal projection, we will need to make significant cuts in staffing budgets, although we do not anticipate that to actually happen, and the cuts will be able to be made out of positions we are about to fill but have not actually filled yet.

There is a new CPS Civics requirement for graduation, which does not take effect for the coming year, but we are working on implementing it for this year.

*Mr MARTEL moved to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Mr REED.  
The motion passed with 10 votes in favor, no votes against or abstaining. 3  
members were not present.*

<b>ADJOURN</b>
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*The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.*