

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:05pm.

In attendance: CORDERO, DANAHER, DAVILA, GORSKI, HERMANSON, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, REED, SADIQ, VEGA, ZEHREN

Not attending: CHINCHILLA, MARTEL.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms Makela shared that GROW Community had a successful garden event. Also GROW is trying to publicize the enrollment policies — GROW hosted a webinar to explain that 8th grade graduates of the GROW feeder elementary schools can enroll as neighborhood students at Amundsen even if they do not live in the regular Amundsen attendance boundaries.

Dr Alur mentioned that we had a robotics competition during the open house, which was very successful; and we are hosting the STEM club fundraiser tomorrow.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

The internal accounts are now managed by CPS. The LSC reviewed the reports from the month of October.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Aramark: we have been complaining for years. They finally agreed to increased daytime staffing to 2 people, without taking time away from the night shift. We will be back to 5.5 FTE from Aramark.

We had a very successful open house, and a lot of publicity around our 1+ rating. Around 350 families attended. It turned out to be a great finale for our regular DNAInfo coverage, which suddenly closed recently.

Our Practice Based Inquiry visit has begun. They have requested an enormous amount of data, although they are fairly unobtrusive. Tomorrow is a big day of meetings.

Ms PAVICHEVICH presented the SQRP report and gave a review of the *state of the school*. The overall rating for the school is now Level 1+.

Our 9th grade growth is in the 88th percentile, while we are in the 74th percentile for 10th grade growth. Our attainment is also decent as well. Our results for 11th grade

are messy, as last year was the first year the SAT was administered at CPS and schools citywide had some trouble shifting gears to support this new test.

Our Freshman On Track was 90%, slightly lower than in the past (i.e., 92%) for a variety of reasons, although mainly because we lost Julie Lyons last year, and she was exceptionally good at staying on top of FOT.

Our dropout rate is very low, which is great, although it is leading towards concerns in the future that we will become overcrowded, as freshman enrollment increases and the attrition rate is much lower than in the past.

We are rated by “My Voice My School” as well organized, which is great, although we don’t necessarily feel that this is an important core measure of success — it’s a clear path to success but doesn’t represent an important outcome itself.

We have not been able to hire the counselor that the LSC approved last month.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.