

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:25pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA, COHEN, MAHONEY [departed 7:20pm], NAEEM [arrived 7:49am May 14], NEWMAN,

PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN [arrived 7:49am May 14], REED

Not attending: BIJEDIC, KARASTANOVIC, MILOTEVIC, MUÑOZ, VEGA

The council did not have a quorum in attendance on May 12. The council gained a quorum when the LSC reconvened this meeting on May 14 at 7:49am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Chair Steve Johnson made supportive comments about the school's positive activity on social media, especially about the exploits of the school's baseball team.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

No action was taken because the LSC did not have a quorum in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken because the LSC did not have a quorum in attendance.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our average ACT score this year is 18.3 (unofficially, but pretty much final). The "bell curve" is skewed right, with a fair number of students earning scores in the upper 20's to as high as 30.

There is still no budget and we do not expect to see one any time soon.

Our projected enrollment in the freshman class next year is 360 (vs 280 this year). About half of that enrollment (180) is in the IB program (vs 90 last year). We are very excited about this.

The Ensemble Espanol show was held, and was great although poorly attended. We will be having Rob Blagojevich come to do a reading of his book. Prom is May 29, and graduation will be June 11, with guest speaker Arnie Rivera. Band and orchestra concerts will be help separately, to make the concerts a length that people will be willing to sit through.

Aramark is still doing a lousy job cleaning our facilities.

Renovations will move forward this summer as planned.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

The technical feasibility of the elimination of class rank is still under study by the administration.

CHARTER SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS

The council discussed the content of three proposed resolutions, regarding proposed Noble Charter schools in Lake View and Rogers Park, and a Pathways in Education school in Lincoln Square. No action was taken on May 12 because the LSC did not have a quorum in attendance.

The meeting was suspended at 7:20pm, with an announcement that the meeting would reconvene at 7:30am on Thursday May 14.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:49am on May 14.

Mr COHEN moved to adopt Resolutions 2015-1, 2015-2, and 2015-3, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50am on May 14.



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

**Resolution Opposing Noble Academy High School's
Proposed Move From Downtown Chicago to 640 West Irving
Park Road**

WHEREAS, Noble Network of Charter Schools is proposing moving the Nobel Academy High School from downtown Chicago to 640 West Irving Park Road, approximately 5 ½ miles away;

WHEREAS, This Local School Council serves as the democratically elected representatives of the Amundsen High School community and parents;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School is the neighborhood public high school for certain residents of Northside of Chicago;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School receives broad support from the community, parents and elected officials for its academic and other successes;

WHEREAS, Amundsen's students achieve top tier results in the International Baccalaureate Program and thrive in the AVID and Career and Technical Education Information Technology programs;

WHEREAS, Amundsen students take advantage of the over forty clubs and twenty-five sports teams and have particularly excelled with competitive performances in Academic Decathlon, Chicago Debate League and City and State Science Fairs;

WHEREAS, Amundsen's success with college readiness has resulted in students being accepted into Ivy League Universities, Big Ten Universities and colleges across the country;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School is not overcrowded and has capacity for more students;

WHEREAS, Chicago Public Schools is projecting a massive budget deficit for the upcoming school year, with additional uncertainty for future years;

WHEREAS, As a result of Chicago Public School's Student Based Budgeting allocating funding to schools on a per-pupil basis, a decrease in the enrollment at Amundsen High School will have a direct negative impact on the educational opportunities of its students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Local School Council of Amundsen High School opposes the Nobel Academy High School moving to 640 West Irving Park Road; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be shared with local elected officials representing the community and the Chicago Board of Education.

Adopted this Fourteenth Day of May, 2015



Merima Karastanovic, Chair

Resolution Opposing Opening Noble Campus 19 That Would Seek Students From Rogers Park, West Ridge, Uptown, Lincoln Square, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Jefferson Park, Forest Glen, North Park, Albany Park and Edgewater



WHEREAS, Noble Network of Charter Schools is proposing opening a new charter school in Fall 2016 called Noble Campus 19, which would target students from the following communities: Rogers Park, West Ridge, Uptown, Lincoln Square, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Jefferson Park, Forest Glen, North Park, Albany Park and Edgewater;

WHEREAS, This Local School Council serves as the democratically elected representatives of the Amundsen High School community and parents;

WHEREAS, Amundsen High School is the neighborhood public high school for certain residents of Northside of Chicago, including some of the communities targeted by Noble Campus 19;

WHEREAS, Contrary to Noble Network of Charter School's claims, families on the north side have high quality education options for high school including Amundsen High School;

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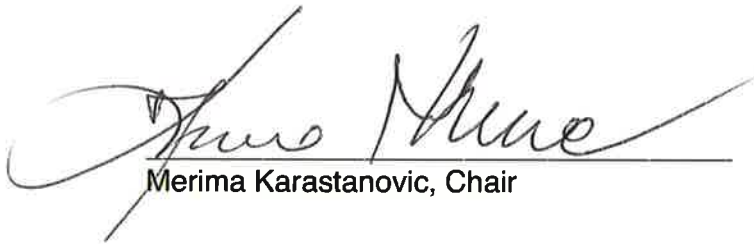
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**Regarding the Proposed Pathways in Education Alternative
School at 4816 North Western Avenue**

May 14, 2015

To whom it may concern:

The Amundsen High School Local School Council discussed the proposed Pathway in Education alternative school at 4816 North Western Avenue, which is approximately one mile from Amundsen High School.

The Local School Council has no objections to the proposed school at that location.

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Merima Karastanovic, Chair

