The meeting convened at 6:03pm.
In attendance: CORDERO, DAVILA, DEL VALLE, GORSKI, MARTEL, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, REYNOLDS, YEE
Not attending: CHINCHILLA, PEDERSEN, VEGA, ZEHREN

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

There are no spending items for approval.

Mr MARTEL moved to accept the internal accounts statement for November. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms DAVILA moved to approve the minutes for November 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ms PAVICHEVICH reviewed the current enrollment data from GoCPS. The total number of students ranking us very highly is much larger than in prior years.

So far, a large number of students have ranked the Amundsen, and particularly the IB program, in their top three choices. Not all of these students necessarily represent unique potential students (e.g. the same student could rank multiple Amundsen programs in their top three) but it does look like quite a few more than previously. Our Level 1+ rating probably contributed to this growth.

This Friday is the deadline to pick schools for GoCPS. GROW-based enrollment is only guaranteed for students who rank GROW first, or who rank only Amundsen IB ahead of GROW. Also, we are committed to not changing the cut-score to qualify for Amundsen IB after the first round of acceptances. Nevertheless, we expect to meet our overall enrollment targets — it now appears we have more risk of over-enrollment than under-enrollment.

We also were recently contacted by Liz Kirby, the chief of network chiefs, to as “what are you doing?”, because they want to replicate our successes elsewhere. We had the
3rd highest growth of all high schools in the City of Chicago — and the two above us are small charter schools.

For our boot camp program this year, we are going to offer SAT prep training to all participants (as opposed to offering PSAT prep for freshmen and sophomores). We are also training our own staff to deliver the boot camp courses, as we think the existing relationship with the students is seen as valuable. Some of this is going to be paid for by Gear Up.

PSAT scores were delivered to educators last week, and they are expected to be delivered to students and families within a week. Our scores are not bad, but we are focused on making sure we achieve the growth that we want to see. We are also going to work on building up stamina for test-taking and emotional engagement with achieving good outcomes, both for students and for the school (e.g. Anna may promise to dye her hair red if our score reach a certain level of growth).

Our new Athletic Director is in place, and he is working hard connecting with teams and on social media as well.

We did have a student who got into a bad motorcycle accident, and although he survived, there has been a lot of medical bills for the family. The student hasn’t come back to school yet but he is coming to the senior breakfast. The school plans to do some fundraising to help the family.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are moving along with our professional development video project. We may not meet our December goal, which was ambitious, but January is now the plan.

STUDENTS

The owner of Sweet Virginia’s Kitchen is also the coordinator of a traveling memorial for the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. The memorial has arrived at Amundsen, and the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) is planning to develop a fundraiser and exhibition event to display this memorial. Amundsen is the only high school in the United States currently slated to host the memorial.

PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

Mr Newman moved to adopt the LSC’s preliminary evaluation as the final evaluation, seconded by Mr Martel. The motion was approved 7-0, with the principal and student members not voting.
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.