

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:05pm.

In attendance: BIJEDIC [arrived 6:56pm], CHINCHILLA, COHEN, KARASTANOVIC, MAHONEY, MUÑOZ [departed 7:00pm],

NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED [arrived 6:08pm]

Not attending: MILOTEVIC, NAEEM, VEGA

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr COHEN moved to approve the internal accounts for April 2015, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

The council reviewed expenses for the prom, the DJ, and related items, and discussed the revenue (\$100 per student) and expenses, which Mr Williams indicated are approximately balanced.

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve an expense of \$11,233 to Marriott for the prom, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 21, 2015 seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 9th grade registration was occurring in the school at the same time as the LSC meeting. We are projecting about 360 incoming students.

We are having another meeting at 8pm to further discuss the encroachment of charter schools in the neighborhood.

The increased enrollment will require the addition of a new foreign language teacher, and we will attempt to add a Japanese foreign language teacher. We considered also Mandarin and Arabic, although there are significant subsidies available from the Japanese consulate, which swayed the decision. We will also need to add a new CTE

teacher. Only two staff members are known to be planning to leave the school over the summer. We are not sure how we will manage the teaching workload overall, as we don't know what the budget will be. We anticipate having about \$90K in rollover money, which will be helpful.

The University of Chicago's Urban Education Institute was at the school earlier in the day, along with 4 aldermen, to kick off their collaboration with Amundsen and Lake View.

Next week, Robert Blagojevich (brother of the former governor Rod) will be giving a book talk. Patti Wetli will be moderating the discussion.

Renovations will move forward this summer as planned. The expenditure of TIF funds for capital improvements at Amundsen was approved by the city council. The bids for the work came in lower than expected, so we will be able to do our entire list of improvements over the summer, even though IDECO grants from the state are not expected to be forthcoming. In combination with the expenditures for the new computer labs, we will be receiving about \$8-10 million in capital upgrades. Because of the construction, we will not have summer school or other events over the summer.

Graduation will be June 11; Arnie Rivera will be the guest speaker.

We are working hard on educational gains, including the "high stakes" tests. In combination with the amazing growth in the ACT scores, we are hopeful we may reach Level 1 status for next year.

The meditation pilot program will be going forward. We will do a split between junior IB and special education.

We'll be having a community event on June 17, after the Bowmanville neighborhood yard sale, to showcase our school and start a community discussion about charter proposals in the neighborhood.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
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No report.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

No report.

CHARTER SCHOOL RESOLUTIONS

The council discussed the content of a resolution regarding the proposed Intrinsic Charter School in Rosehill cemetery's open south area.

Mr REED moved to adopt Resolutions 2015-4, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved with BIJEDIC, CHINCHILLA, COHEN, KARASTANOVIC, MAHONEY, NEWMAN, PEDERSEN, REED voting in favor, PAVICHEVICH abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr CHINCHILLA proposed increasing the student fees. Our current fees of \$100 per year are well below the fees at every other CPS high school on the north side, and possibly the lowest fees anywhere in the city. Other schools on the north side charge triple or more. The LSC agreed to put this topic on the agenda for July.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.