

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:14pm.

In attendance: BIJEDIC [appointed 6:41pm], CHINCHILLA, KARASTANOVIC, MAHONEY [appointed 6:41pm], MILOTEVIC, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, REED, VEGA

Not attending: COHEN, MUÑOZ, NAEEM

At the beginning of the meeting, there were two vacant parent seats.

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the budget amendment to fund the college and career coach, and one security position, through the end of the current fiscal year, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve the internal accounts for February 2015, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes for February 10 and 13, 2015, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The ACT was administered, only one student was absent. We are preparing to administer the PARCC test. We are working to get read to do boot camp style assistance for freshman and sophomores.

Attendance is trending over 90%.

Security staff attendance has been struggling for a variety of legitimate reasons.

We have 185 confirmed acceptances to our IB program for next year. We are shooting for a freshman class total enrollment of 320 to 350. That represents about 6 classrooms of students. In previous years, we had at most 120 or so IB enrollments.

Mr NEWMAN inquired about the availability of certified teachers to teach in the IB program, given the apparent rapid expansion in possible enrollment; this is also a concern for the administration but it is too soon to talk about solutions.

The AVID program senior class is doing great work.

Ms PAVICHEVICH and AP Eilers attended the Lumity banquet as a featured guest.

SELECTION OF NEW PARENT MEMBERS

Ms Denise MAHONEY and Ms Amina BIJEDIC, both parents of current Amundsen students, introduced themselves as expressed interest in serving on the council.

Mr REED moved to approve to appoint Ms MAHONEY and Ms BIJEDIC as parent representatives on the LSC seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms PAVICHEVICH asked the PPLC to come up with ideas about how to improve the Advisory. A survey also went out to teachers on the principal evaluation.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Natalie Allen came to the February meeting, but attendance by parents was slim. The training will be repeated on March 18, in hopes of getting some more parents to attend. Also, the chair of the PAC is still vacant.

STUDENT REPORT

None.

FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN

We had a “decompression session” at Borelli’s Pizza for neighborhood parents and potential incoming students. Alderman Pawar and the Mayor’s Education Deputy Arnie Rivera both attended.

The school’s luau is coming in 2 days, the FoA is helping to promote the event.

The Donor’s Choose baseball fundraiser was fully funded. We also received a small donation (\$5k) from Cubs Care to purchase equipment for the new weight room. The Cubs Care group is also interested in funding baseball-specific facilities in Winnemac Park.

The planned track and field event has postponed to fall, to give the group sufficient time to prepare a successful event.

Ms Molly Lane was added to the FoA Board.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mr NEWMAN raised some concerns about scheduling of Amundsen facilities by the park district, particularly that it is not accommodative of the school's needs and priorities. Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated she found Park Supervisor Lisa Ragucci to be very flexible, but the larger Park District system was not particularly flexible. Mr PEDERSEN noted that the when school programs overrun their allotted time, park district programs scheduled for subsequent time slots are almost always delayed to accommodate the school's use of the space.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.