LSC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2015
Held in the Library, Amundsen HS

The meeting convened at 6:06pm.
In attendance: COHEN, JOHNSON [arrived 6:59pm], KARASTANOVIC, MILOTEVIC, NAEEM, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN [arrived 6:19pm], REED
Not attending: CHINCHILLA, MUÑOZ, VEGA

Ms D’ALESSIO resigned from the LSC effective January 8, 2015. As a result there is one vacant parent seat.

The council had a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Due to Ms D’ALESSIO’s resignation, the position of vice chair became vacant.

Mr REED moved to appoint Ms KARASTANOVIC as Amundsen LSC vice chair, seconded by Ms PAVICHEVICH. The motion was approved unanimously.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the expenditure of $7,572.99 to Spirit Cruises for the senior cruise (June 2015), seconded by Mr REED.

Mr REED moved to approve the internal accounts for December 2014, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr REED moved to approve the minutes for November 18 and December 9, 2014, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

T MOBILE AUTHORIZATION

Mr NEWMAN met with engineers from T-Mobile to review a proposed installation of telecom equipment, and described the plans to the council. The installation of radio antennas on the smokestack requires a complementary installation of electrical supply and processing equipment, either on a platform on the roof or on the ground. The
recently decommissioned US Cellular equipment had been on the roof, but CPS mandated that the platform where it resided be removed, and T-Mobile is not interested in the expense of replacing it. Instead, they request use of space in the back corner of the driver’s education lot, between the trailer and the building. This space is not usable for parking, due to the tight corner.

Proposed location of T-Mobile ground equipment.

Mr NEWMAN moved to authorize T-Mobile to use space within the Driver’s Education fence for equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last Saturday, we had our neighborhood spruce-up. Aldermen O’Connor and Pawar each donated $1,000 for supplies and dozens of community members attended. We will be hosting an IB info session for CPS coming up on Saturday.
The Friends of Amundsen has been instrumental about making these events happen, and be successful.

We are having significant problems with the Aramark custodial services. The school is not being cleaned well or in a timely manner, and this is especially problematic when we hold extra events. The school was not clean for the neighborhood spruce-up. Ms PAVICHEVICH had a direct discussion with the building custodial manager and his supervisor, and advised them that their performance was unacceptable.

We are hoping to get grant money for capital improvements, although the new governor may change the program and limit the available funding.

We had some damage to one of the new curtains in the auditorium; that panel will be replaced.

Nutritional support services has proposed installing vending machines for breakfast in the building. They feel our students eat breakfast at an alarmingly low rate. Ms PAVICHEVICH said she supported the concept, but was concerned about the implementation, particularly an increase in debris (esp. in light of our janitorial problems) and about kids bringing food into class. We would be a pilot school for this program. The machines would automated on timers, and shut down at appropriate times (e.g. at 7:40a). Mr NEWMAN expressed some dismay that CPS would propose this after having roundly dismissed a similar entrepreneurial venture by our students to open an on campus coffee shop serving snacks and coffee in the morning. Ms NAEEM reported that some students had requested healthy morning snacks in vending machines, almost exactly as proposed here; a principle difference between the student coffee shop and the vending machines is that the vending machine would serve no coffee or caffeine, and only snacks that CPS deems “healthy”.

*Mr REED moved to have the LSC formally support the vending machine trial, seconded by Mr COHEN. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The PPLC put together a flyer outlining the 2008 research from the University of Chicago on practical teaching methods.

**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

We had a meeting recently on holiday stress management. Ms D’ALESSIO resigned as chair. Someone from the State Department will be available to out soon to discuss the DREAM Act.
STUDENT REPORT

Some students have requested vending machines with healthy snacks. There also was a request to have a talent show. Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated that it is on the agenda for the spring.

FOOTBALL

Mr NEWMAN asked for the LSC to discuss the future of the football program at Amundsen. Mr PEDERSEN argued that the football program is an invaluable asset, and provides an important learning experience for those student athletes who participate. Mr JOHNSON pointed out the football participation in football at Welles Park has dropped substantially over the past few years, and these kids would feed our football program. Ms PAVICHEVICH indicated that she had discussed this with staff and students involved, and that they seem to want the football program to continue. Rather than ending the program, the council discussed deepening our commitment to and awareness of safety issues in football, especially for the parents of participating students. No formal action was taken.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr JOHNSON resigned as a member and chair of the LSC, effective immediately.

Mr REED moved to appoint Ms KARASTANOVIC as Amundsen LSC chair, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.