The meeting convened at 6:00pm.
In attendance: DAVILA, FARSTER, GORSKI, NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, PHUTHAPHAN, REYNOLDS, YEE, ZEHREN
Not attending: CHINCHILLA, CORDERO, VEGA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

A teacher resigned, she had remaining funds in her account, and she requested that the funds be redirected to the English department.

We do not know the status of fee payments, as the Aspen system went down on the first day of classes.

*Ms DAVILA moved to accept the internal accounts report, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.*

FUNDRAISING

*Ms DAVILA moved to authorize a fundraiser of candy sales in the school to support athletic programs, seconded by Mr REYNOLDS. The motion was approved unanimously.*

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have 443 freshman, 259 students from the GROW Community schools, almost 59% of the incoming class. Overall, we have 1,387 students as of now, we expect to be close to 1,400 by the 20th day. This is well over the projection and we expect to get more money from CPS.

We had every student with a program of classes no the first day of school, but there is still some rebalancing to do, to make sure class sizes are consistent and there are not too many students with IEP’s in any one class. We are working to get a lot of students, many who are new to CPS, to have appropriate credentials.

We have the largest IB class we’ve ever had. Plus, there are two additional honors sections in most individual subject areas.
We are more or less functionally overcrowded at this point with 1,400. By creating a 5th lunch period, we are able to hide this overcrowding to a large extent. Some students will have to go a long stretch without a formal lunch period, so we'll be allowing students to eat in classes where possible. The large size of this Freshman class will not be replicated in future years.

We expect to be Level 1+ again this year. Our academic growth scores may end up slightly less stellar than last year, but we'll still put in solidly good results. We also have 90 students that passed Algebra before coming to high school. In previous years, we've had around 10-15 students. All of this is helping make our school stand out — and we're getting noticed: according to Chicago Magazine, we're the highest rated neighborhood high school (i.e. not selective enrollment, not charter) in the city.

In upcoming weeks we will be hosting parent nights, “Club-a-palooza”, and a variety of great events to start the school year.

The 3 students with special circumstances who wanted to attend Amundsen this year are all attending. Ms PAVICHEVICH plans to make a policy proposal to CPS to allow for some form of Principal’s discretion at neighborhood schools, similar to selective enrollment.

We are completely staffed for the year, with every full time teacher position filled. We are still trying to add 0.2 FTE in the music department, by getting existing staff to step up.

The meeting structures for staff have been changed from grade-level teams to professional learning communities, based on using data to measure the quality of instruction.

Every sophomore (380 students) will be doing a personal project, as part of the “wall-to-wall” IB program. We are tentatively planning to do this in a portfolio style, to get all these projects processed in two days and minimize the disruption to instruction.

Our Athletics program is great, Adrian is doing a great job. The district, and in particular the director of sports administration, is now using us as the model for a successful athletic program. We’re also standardizing some communication with parents of athletes, to share that we are charging $80 per sport, and laying out alternatives to payment for families that need or want a different avenue to contribute.

We had a calibration meeting with the Chicago Police District Commander. We are going to be explicit about what the police officers assigned to Amundsen will and will not do, and what are the responsibilities of school staff vs. the responsibilities of police officers.
The “heat mitigation” project was completed in the cafeteria, but the gym was not completed over the summer. The pool was renovated, although the auditorium ceiling is still leaking when water is left on in the food service areas above.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

The post-secondary leadership team met over the summer, will meet again tomorrow. This year’s graduating class will need to have a plan to graduate.

**PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The PAC will meet soon to satisfy a couple of formal requirements before October 1. There will need to be a meeting with the Principal, and another as the “organizing” meeting to elect officers.

**STUDENTS REPORT**

There was some discussion about what the $80 fees supports for the teams: busses, uniforms, equipment, and various other expenses that vary by team.

**FRIENDS OF AMUNDSEN**

The FoA held a “meet and greet” event attended by about 50 parents. They are also launching a back-to-school boost, with a goal to raise $5,000. Lastly, planning for the big “Raise the Sails” event is underway.

**ADJOURN**

*The LSC adjourned at 7:32pm.*