

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:12pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA [arrived 7:38pm], COHEN, D’ALESSIO, JOHNSON, KARASTANOVIC, MILATOVIC [appointed 6:22pm], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN, RODAS [arrived 6:35pm], VEGA [arrived 6:19pm]

Not attending: REED, MUÑOZ

At the beginning of this meeting, there was one vacant parent seat. The council has a quorum in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Henry D’Alessio shared the positive experience and outcomes he experienced from the ACT Boot Camp.

APPOINTMENT OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

Danijela Milatovic nominated herself to fill the vacant parent representative seat.

Mr PEDERSEN moved to appoint Ms MILATOVIC as Parent Representative for the remainder of the current LSC term, seconded by Ms D’ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTS AND SPENDING

Mr JOHNSON inquired about the large expenditures for sports officials.

Ms D’ALESSIO re-expressed a concern regarding expenditures from the student activity fees, instead of transferring money from that account to other expenditure lines.

Mr COHEN moved to approve the internal accounts for March, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

The band conducted a fundraising sale of chocolate bars, and need an authorization of \$3,620 to pay “Worlds Finest Chocolate” for the product.

Mr COHEN moved to approve the expenditure, seconded by Mr NEWMAN. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr PEDERSEN moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2014, seconded by Ms D'ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms PAVICHEVICH thanked the council members for their continued volunteer service.

Under direction from the CPS Central Office, evening custodial services in the building are being overhauled. Effective Monday, the services are being outsourced to Aramark, and school administrators will no longer be responsible for supervising the custodians. The funds for custodial equipment in the current fiscal year (approximately \$25,000) were not reclaimed for the central office, and unspent funds can be repurposed for other uses in the school. We do not know who the new custodial staff will be.

A preliminary budget allocation from CPS was presented to the LSC, which represented a decrease of approximately \$800,000. Projected total enrollment for next year is substantially lower than the current year: 278 freshmen are currently projected, but 335 students are in the current senior class.

Three current staff members have formally announced that they will retire or otherwise voluntarily leave Amundsen at the end of the current school year.

We are no longer on probation.

Steve Gaber (who funded the Boot Camp) visited, and was positive about the school.

The Wrestling event ultimately paid us \$250 for the school's share of the proceeds, in addition to the money we earned for concession sales.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

PPLC REPORT

The PPLC has a list of issues to address from Ms PAVICHEVICH: advice on how to do advisory, operational considerations, how to pick up some initiatives that are flagging (e.g. hallway sweeps in the morning), how to use teacher professional development time next year.

PAC REPORT

No report.

STUDENT REPORT

The Luau was a lot of fun, a lot of parents came.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Parent Representatives (6 seats)

Steven Johnson	29 ✓
Darinka D'Alessio	28 ✓
Melva Vega	17 ✓
Irene Munoz	18 ✓
Merima Karastanovic	11 ✓

Community Representative (2 seats)

Jeffrey Newman	38 ✓
Michael Cohen	35 ✓
Mary B. Anderson	30
Omar Rodriguez	22
Sarah Hains	16
Leana Lopez-Cepero	16
Chad Sommer	8

Teacher Representatives (2 seats)

Christian Pedersen	44 ✓
A. S. Reed	28 ✓
Jenny Sider	23

Non-Teacher Staff Representative (1 seat)

David Chinchilla	13 ✓
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PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

The council entered closed session at 7:19pm.

The council entered open session at 8:59pm.

ADJOURN

Ms VEGA moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr CHINCHILLA. Voting in favor were Mr CHINCHILLA, Mr JOHNSON, Ms KARASTANOVIC, Ms MILATOVIC, Mr NEWMAN, Ms PAVICHEVICH, Mr PEDERSEN, Ms RODAS, Ms VEGA. Voting against: Ms D'ALESSIO. Abstaining: Mr COHEN.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.