

LSC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Held in the Library, Amundsen HS



AMUNDSEN
Local School Council

The meeting convened at 6:04pm.

In attendance: CHINCHILLA [arrived 6:20], COHEN, D’ALESSIO, KARASTANOVIC, MILOTEVIC [appointed 6:10], MUÑOZ [arrived 7:00], NEWMAN, PAVICHEVICH, PEDERSEN [arrived 6:08], REED, VEGA

Not attending: JOHNSON

The council did not have a quorum in attendance at the commencement of the meeting. A quorum was achieved at 6:26pm. No votes on any topic were taken without a quorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr NEWMAN moved to elect Mr JOHNSON as chair of the LSC for the 2014-15 School Year, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms PAVICHEVICH moved to elect Ms D’ALESSIO as vice chair of the LSC for the 2014-15 School Year, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms D’ALESSIO moved to elect Mr NEWMAN as secretary of the LSC for the 2014-15 School Year, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms D’ALESSIO moved to elect Mr NEWMAN as FOIA and OMA officer for the 2014-15 School Year, seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW PARENT MEMBER

Mr NEWMAN moved to appoint Ms MILATOVIC as a Parent Representative on the LSC for the remainder of the 2014-16 LSC term, seconded by Ms VEGA. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from the local church Missio Dei visited, to discuss a school supplies drive they are starting.

SPENDING AND INTERNAL ACCOUNTS

A variety of accounts were closed out at the end of the fiscal year.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr NEWMAN moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2014 seconded by Ms D'ALESSIO. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms VEGA moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2014 seconded by Mr PEDERSEN. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We got our 5 essentials data, and we are rated as dark green (the best rating) in all areas: students, teachers, and parents all rate the school well. We still have growing interest in the school within the community. We are cooperating with the Friends of Amundsen to develop additional community outreach. We are redoing our publication and recruiting materials, and the FoA is trying to set up a way to get these materials printed for free.

Current enrollment for the upcoming school year is at 1122 (vs a budgeted 1144).

One employee was recommended for termination, and that recommendation is expected to be ratified by the Board at their August meeting.

One of our counselors is leaving; this was a surprise departure. We are receiving applications to re-fill the position promptly.

We have a new football coach, although we may not have a team this year (there is a deficit of participating students).

The ACT exam this year will be March 3rd, a month earlier than previously. We have received grant funding to run our Boot Camp program again, and we will work hard to be ready. The Day 2 results are not yet available to individual schools.

Mr COHEN asked what the game plan is for getting students to attend school on the first day. We are planning to make robocalls, as well as phone calls. The changes that CPS makes to the school calendar every year are not helpful in getting families to keep track of what day school starts.

Mr REED asked about the availability of phones for teachers to make calls and check their voicemail, and that teachers get a list of these available phones.

Mr NEWMAN asked about the recent successes with Donor's Choose, where Google funded all CPS requests (including two large requests at Amundsen). The Donor's Choose system does not allow novice requesting teachers ask for large projects; only

teachers who have a good history of smaller funded projects can do so. We need to cultivate the ability to do that over time among the faculty, and to feature this and other ways to give to the school on our website.

On September 18th, the Friends of Amundsen will have a meeting, with both aldermen.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The council discussed a schedule of meetings for the upcoming year, continuing the past tradition of meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, with some exceptions to accommodate the CPS calendar:

September 9, 2013
October 14, 2013
November 18, 2013
December 9, 2013
January 13, 2014
February 10, 2014
March 10, 2014
April 21, 2014
May 12, 2014
June 2, 2014

ADJOURN

Mr COHEN moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr REED. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.