

Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Organization Meeting
Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Wednesday, August 4, 2010 / 6pm

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Roger Wilen, Kris Fiacchino, Carlton Oquendo, Catherine Francis, Jodi Hoare, Laura Durudogan, Daniel O'Connor, Matthew Beaudet, Karen J. Michaels, Karen Meier,

Absent: Tiffany Green, Amy Lenz

- ✓ The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by temporary appointment Chairman Anna Alvarado. Jodi Hoare was appointed as temporary secretary.
- ✓ No prior meeting minutes to approve.

Organization Business

- ✓ The LSC Calendar schedule was reviewed by the counsel members. It was suggested by Anna Alvarado that December's LSC meeting be skipped due to a busy month of activities in December at Hawthorne. Local School Council's are required to meet 8 times per year. The nomination of skipping December was motioned, seconded and approved. Scheduled dates for LCS meetings are:

09/15/2010

10/6/2010

11/03/2010

December will be skipped

01/12/2011

02/02/2011

03/02/2011

04/13/2011

05/04/2011

06/01/2011 (final meeting before summer break)

- ✓ Laura Durudogan nominated Roger Wilen for LSC Chair. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved. The meeting was handed over to the new Hawthorne Scholastic Academy's new Chair ó Roger Wilen.
- ✓ Roger Wilen nominated Laura Durudogan for LSC Vice-Chair. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved.
- ✓ Jodi Hoare volunteered for Secretary. Position was motioned, seconded and approved.

By-laws Review

- ✓ It was suggested the by-laws be reviewed and updated based on the functionality and needs of the school. All present were in agreement however, it was Motioned no changes be made at this time to the current By-Laws. Motion was seconded and approved.

- ✓ LSC Meeting Agenda is to be prepared by the Chair, distributed to the LSC Members 5 business days prior to each meeting and posted 3 business days prior to scheduled meeting. Agenda is to be posted on bulletin board outside the office of the school.
- ✓ Minutes from the last meeting are to be distributed to the LSC members prior to the next meeting, and minutes approved at such meeting are to be posted within 7 business days of approval on the bulletin board outside the office of the school.

Committees

- ✓ **Committee On Financial Affairs** – This committee remains to have an appointment.
- ✓ **PTA** – Laura Durudogan was nominated as PTA Chair/Liaison. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved.
- ✓ **Building and Safety** – Daniel O’Connor was nominated as Chair. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved
- ✓ **Professional / Personal Leadership Committee (PPLC)** – Carlton Oquendo and Amy Lenz were nominated. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved.
- ✓ **School Improvement Plan (SIPAA)** – Anna Alvarado has been appointed as Chair for this committee. Appointment motioned, seconded and approved.
- ✓ **Community Committee** – Community Counsel members Kris Fiacchino and Cathy Francis were nominated. Nomination motioned, seconded and approved
- ✓ **By-Law Committee** – Matthew Beaudet was nominated to Chair. Nomination was motioned, seconded and approved.

Old Business

- ✓ There was no old business identified at this meeting.

New Business:

- ✓ Discussed were the pressures of our current state budget cuts and the need for LSC to find ways to further support the PTA fundraising efforts. How do we sustain the PTA’s remarkable history given our new climate of not just school programs, supplies, and enhancements, but now potential teacher positions? Partnering with our community of parent resources to establish committees such as Grant Research/Writing Committee, or Corporate Partnership Committee, are some initial thoughts that will be collaboratively developed with our parent and PTA community.
- ✓ Question poised to A. Alvarado was whether or not we are able to sell advertising on the Hawthorne Scholastic Website. The cost of the website each year is approximately \$3200.00. The website is owned by Hawthorne. Selling advertising is an idea that will be explored further.

- ✓ Attendance at LSC meetings by our parent community and neighboring community was discussed. Attendance is low. LSC would like to see more involvement. Better communication to the Hawthorne Community on initiatives, ideas, and ways to get involved will continue to be discussed.
- ✓ Question posed to A. Alvarado, was whether there are any needs for the school at the moment. Response from A. Alvarado was that right now due to the unknown in state funding/cuts the focus is on providing the children with the quality education that our school, teachers and parents have been accustomed too. A. Alvarado thanked the PTA for all their hard work on fundraising and the parent community for support. C. Oquendo too expressed gratitude for the support that the parent community has given the teachers and the student body.

Principal's Report:

- ✓ A Frisbee Team is leasing Hawthorne's Turf Field 2 nights per week starting week of August 2, 2010 to October 2010 from 7pm to 9:30 pm. The cost of rental is \$250 / night which goes directly to HSA. The organization paid for the re-wiring of the fields lights so that they face the field and not the neighbors. The lights are on a timer and will shut off promptly at 9:40 pm.
- ✓ No. 37 petitions were delivered to Mayor Daley's office. Parents are to be reminded that this is a long term project, and nothing has been resolved.
- ✓ There are currently 573 students enrolled for current calendar year 2010-11.
- ✓ Classroom sizes will remain at 32 for 2010-11, with the exception of a couple classrooms at 33, which is the norm.
- ✓ 2.5 teacher positions have been returned for the 2010-11 school year.
- ✓ Three (3) NCLB students (No Child Left Behind) have enrolled, however have not yet registered. Hawthorne receives no funding/grants for NCLB students. ***
- ✓ HSA's SGA funds are not significant due to our family economic population.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

Roger Wilen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Alvarado made the motion; motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next meeting will be on September 15, 2010 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted, *Jodi Hoare, Secretary*