

# Local School Council Meeting Minutes

## Hawthorne Scholastic Academy

### Wednesday, June 1, 2011 / 7pm

**LSC Attendees:** Roger Wilen, Anna Alvarado, Catherine Francis, Amy Lenz, Laura Durudogan, Kris Fiacchino, Carlton Oquendo, Matthew Beaudet, Kathleen Lally, Daniel O'Connor and Jodi Hoare

**Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees:** Donna Sagam, William Massey, Steve Poma, Kyle Whithead, Karen Meier, Kathleen Marhn, Katie Conway, Julie Wilson, Mimi Kennedy.

**Approval of the minutes from May, 2011:** Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from May, Catherine Francis seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were approved.

**Robert's Rules of Order:** Roger Wilen reminded our meetings follow the RRO.

#### Principal's Report

BIC Update ó Number of students participating at start was 155 and currently is 132. The children are less curious. Teachers are managing in the classroom with instruction and clean up as best as can. Primary grades take about 15-20 minutes. Process will continue to be monitored. Lincoln School allowed to start BIC earlier than first bell and Anna Alvarado is looking in to this option. (Although she was told the option would only be available if our lunchroom could fit all 560 students).

Writers Celebration Week was a huge success. Great job by our students, Ms. Martin, Ms. Pitts and Ms. Gelderman. Thanks for all your hard work.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip departed at 3:45 a.m. this morning and scheduled to return Friday at 10pm.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Springfield Trip scheduled for Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, departing at 5:45 a.m.

OSes Snapshot results have not been submitted yet, however we do know we have compliance with a 20% growth.

Congratulations to the students and all who helped in the following productions. We have such a display of talent all around! 1) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play "Should I Stay or Should I Go"; 2) Spring Concert which included Glee Club, Chorus, Violins, Rock Band, and Jazz Band; 3) Band Concert In The Park.

Thanks to Julie Wilen for "Go For The Gold Application". The contest won us a bronze with lunch participation.

Budget Update ó Everything is on hold as we continue to wait for the budget from CPS.

Tuesday, June 14 is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Congratulations!

June 15<sup>th</sup>, originally scheduled off is now a FULL school day as make-up for one of our snow days.

Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful final Speaker Series ó *Raising Socially Competent Children*. We had a good turnout.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Public Comment**

**Q** = Will food leftover from BIC be an option to give to shelters. **A** = No, because of health and safety reasons. **Comment** ó More cold breakfast is being taken than hot. Children can bring their breakfast if they like. **Q** = If breakfast was hot, would more eat? **A** = Doubtful. Kids were initially taking due to curiosity, and taking as a second meal because they had eaten at home.

## **Committee Reports**

Financial Affairs (Roger/Laura) - Nothing to report.

PPLC (Amy Lenz) - Teachers met 3 weeks ago. Teachers are currently working on student writing portfolios which will be passed on to the students teacher in order to make assessments on the student's needs.

Curriculum (Carlton Oquendo) - Mapping continues. We are also working toward incorporating more content in to expository writing.

SIPAAA (Anna Alvarado and Linda Feaman) - See Old Business below for comment.

Building and Safety (Dan) ó Semi-annual asbestos inspection submitted. We passed our health inspection. New Landscapers have been designated to start. Gate is now operational.

By-laws (Matt) - Nothing to report.

PTA (Laura) ó

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm to 7pm Mystic Celt will be donating back to Hawthorne 40% of proceeds from purchases by anyone mentioning Hawthorne. Be sure to send friends and mention our name!

PTA purchased the movie "Louder Than A Bomb", and presented it to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The event included a special guest, the actual Producer. The children spent lots of time asking questions, and the event was felt to be successful in awareness.

June 14, 2011 - Board only PTA Planning meeting scheduled.

Community (Kris and Catherine)

The City Of Chicago has scheduled 3 movies in the park at Hawthorne on 6/26, 7/31 and 8/28.

Graffiti and Rats Forum is scheduled to take place at Illinois Masonic Hospital on June 6 at 7pm. Tom Tunney will be present.

## **Old Business**

SIPAA Report - Presentation and overview given by Anna Alvarado (Linda Feaman in Washington D.C. with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class.) The presentation covered our current working SIPAAA, integration of Curriculum Mapping, and HSA's Current and Past test scores.

Principal Evaluation ó Roger Wilen Motioned To Approve 2010-11 Principal Evaluation given to Anna Alvarado at the previous LSC Meeting. Kris Fiachinno seconded. All present were in favor. Anna thanked the board and addressed each individually.

Blue Ribbon Commission is to meet on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Commission has been asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement however Anna was given permission to provide the following information. There will be 4 committee forums. The teacher / child consideration will be presented. The committee will meet every Wednesday until the issues are finalized. Attendance at the meeting last Wednesday was low. Roger Wilen, on behalf of the LSC will be drafting a letter requesting expansion and/or Principal discretion be given to teacher's children.

Modified Open Campus ó Dan O' Connor, Chair for the MOC Advisory Committee presented to all attendees an outline of how the committee prepared and met on the topic. It was reported that sixteen people submitted, in writing, their position on the subject. Five communications supported Open Campus. Ten communications supported Closed Campus. One communication addressed the closed meetings. The committee felt they had enough information on the topic to deliberate the pro's and con's and hold a vote. Although it is not required, the committee decided to hold this vote as a public vote in this open meeting. Two members of the eight advisory committee were absent. The question addressed for vote by each Committee member was: ***Should our school continue to be a modified closed campus for the next school year, 2011-12?*** Six of the six present members of the committee voted YES. Hawthorne will be a Modified Closed Campus for school year 2011-12.

### **2nd Public Comment**

**Question by Parent Body** = Is it possible to hear from each committee members as to why they voted as they did? **Answer by Committee Chair Dan O'Connor** = Although the Committee will not do it here, due to time, it is up to each of the advisory committee members to decide if they wish to talk about what factored in to their decision. Considerations that were important to the way the vote turned out were: 1) the school has no budget, and without a budget there is no way to allocate funds to support a change, 2) bussing is a large unknown for logistics, 3) changes are more than likely to occur come September, so how do you plan for something when there are unknown changes; 4) academics are the priority and the children are doing well 5) don't fix something not broken. The vote was for current year only, and should be addressed next year if the parent body wishes. **Question by Parent Body** = Why was the meeting closed? Where does it say the meeting can be closed? **Answer by Committee Chair Dan O'Connor** = The option to close the meeting is in the protocol that was received from Central Office (Dan O'Connor read the section). The decision to close the meetings was made by the Advisory Committee. Several Comments ó 1) Please when asking the advisory committee to explain their decision, consider the social cues and if the person appears to feel uncomfortable talking about it, please don't press. 2) The committee had a difficult task and spent much time giving consideration, thank you for your time.

**New Business**- None.

### **Adjournment**

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Beaudet seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

LSC to meet over the summer for organizational purpose and the date will be determined in the near future. Regular LSC meetings will be scheduled for next calendar year at that time.

*Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.*