

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**Attendance:** Greg Basil, Michael Brogan, Shelia Schultz, Kathleen Andrade, Laura Durudogan, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Camille Unger, Kris Fiacchino

**Absent:** Monica Ginsburg

LSC met at 6:00 p.m. in a closed session to complete the principal evaluation forms that need to be submitted to A. Alvarado by May 1. LSC Chair K. Andrade led the meeting.

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**Local School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Anna Alvarado, Linda Feaman, Greg Basil, Michael Brogan, Shelia Schultz, Kathleen Andrade, Laura Durudogan, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Camille Unger, Kris Fiacchino, Monica Ginsburg, Lisa Ratti Boyle, Catherine Francis Hart, Karen Lewis, Joy Mollet, Chris Snitko, Robin Simkins, Lisa Chalem, William Massey, Kelly Breiner, Maura Robbins

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Chairman K. Andrade. Following the introduction of members and guests, K. Andrade called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. C. Oquendo made the motion; R. Wilen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Chair's Report:** Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed.

**Principal's Report:**

- ❖ Second quarter report card pick up and parent-teacher conferences were held Jan. 30. 99% of report cards were picked up. New conference schedule was well received by parents and teachers.
- ❖ The sixth grade curriculum showcase "Express Yourself" was very successful.
- ❖ "Structure," the third grade showcase, was presented with the Arts Partnership program and featured much audience participation and fun performances.
- ❖ Winter benchmark results available for teachers and A. Alvarado on IMPACT.
- ❖ As of Jan. 30, 167 families are registered for the parent portal.
- ❖ Each grade celebrated the presidential inauguration and Channel 7 News interviewed several students.
- ❖ Noah Asimow won the Geography Bee. Sixth grader Jack Drumm was runner-up.
- ❖ Fifth grader Sofia Uvena won the Spelling Bee.
- ❖ SIPAAA Sunday will be held on Feb. 8 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.
- ❖ PTA used book fair was successful.
- ❖ The Student Council led a recycling effort at report card pick-up; candy grams will be on sale prior to Valentine's Day.
- ❖ PTA spring fundraiser will be held on March 20 at the Palmer House. Deadline for donations is Feb. 22.
- ❖ Beginning Feb. 6 and continuing for eight weeks, the Schoolyard Tavern dodge ball team will rent gym time from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for \$100/hour.

❖ A Cub's parking fundraiser will be held to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington trip.

**Public Comment:** G. Basil agreed that new report card conference schedule was a success. A. Alvarado reported that there have been no issues with the parent portal.

**PPLC:** Will meet on Feb. 5.

**School Improvement Plan:** SIPAAA Sunday will be held Feb. 8.

**Budget:** Account balance of \$12,980 to be allocated to summer curriculum writing.

**Building and Safety:** No report.

**Curriculum:** Teachers will meet Feb. 6 in preparation for SIPAAA Sunday.

**Community:** People's Gas is working in the neighborhood. A Candidate Forum will be held on Feb. 23 at St. Luke's Church. Hear the candidates for the open 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat. A special primary election will be held March 3.

**PTA:** The March 20 Spring Fundraiser will be held at the Palmer House. The hotel is generously underwriting all expenses including parking. Used book fair was a success; extra books will be donated. PTA sponsored a staff lunch on report card pick-up day. Mystic Celt dinner/fundraiser will be held Feb. 24. "Love and Logic" speaker will be March 14. Volunteers needed to update "Picture Person" page on the website and to maintain an e-mail list of volunteers. Next PTA meeting will be Feb. 18 at 6:30.

**By-laws:** No report.

**Old Business:** K. Andrade reported that the turf field project is in the bidding phase. Project manager Bob Foster said that progress is on-target to break ground after school lets out for the summer.

**New Business:** Principal evaluation will be presented to A. Alvarado upon completion. Due date is May 1.

**Public Comment:** In response to parent questions regarding the Young Author's program, A. Alvarado explained that the school will not be participating this year. Instead, there will be a Writer's Celebration Week where every child will have their writing featured.

**Adjournment:** K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Wilen made the motion; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on March. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*