

**Local School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2011 / 7pm**

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

**Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees:** Chris Lerch, Steve Poma, Karen Michaels (the sign in sheet is incomplete due to not being circulated.)

**Approval of the minutes from March, 2011:** Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from May, Kris Fiacchino 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**

Breakfast In The Classroom (BIC) Protocol ó New program will begin May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information was provided regarding how the bags of food will be made available while entering school and disposed of. Information sent home.

Hawthorne Instructional Rounds ó In-classroom evaluations will be conducted on what we do and how it affects student learning in Literature, Writing, Math and Science and will be summarized. Several area schools were asked to participate including Alcott, Franklin, Burley and Hawthorne.

Scranton Testing will take place the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Office Of Specialized Services Snapshot scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

WritersøCelebration Week scheduled to start May 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited and encouraged to come and look at their child(s) work which will be displayed in the North Basement for the week.

May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Actors Guild ó Team building Unit supported by our Arts Partnership program. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual.

Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1-m. The choice of Saturday is based on how well it worked last year, which did not conflict with classroom instruction and allowed parents and new studentsø time to tour and socialize.

CPS Chorus Festival is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to Ms. Murphy and our students.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra exit exam óEach 8<sup>th</sup> grader is required to take this test. If they pass they get to move on to H.S. Geometry their Freshman year. 82% of Hawthorne students passed last year.

National Teachers and Staff Appreciation Week ó Lots of fun have been scheduled for the teachers this week. There have been daily drawings for things such as spa treatments and certificates. Much thanks to all of our wonderful teachers and staff!

Student Council has organized a Japan Tsunami Relief Fundraiser which brings global awareness to our students. Thanks to the Student Counsel for organizing

The Science Curriculum Team organized a post Earth Day Celebration. Earth Day was during our spring break.

Freshman Connection for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders is a successful program during the summer to help socialize with new classmates.

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

**Q** ó Are there any options for donating the unopened food from the BIC program to a food pantry? **A** ó There are issues of liability of contamination. We can ask again however. **Q** ó Will school be open at 8:15 a.m.? **A** ó Yes, but there will no breakfast served until the bell rings. **Q** ó Can we email the parents and tell them not to have their children participate? **A** ó In good conscience of those in need of breakfast, no. **Q** ó Will the school keep record of who is eating? **A** ó The teachers have been given instruction on how to keep record of the data for purposes to give statistics back to the central office. Please do not bother the teachers for the information. They will have their hands full with the new process and need to get on to instruction.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Financial Affairs (Roger/Laura)**

We are still waiting on the budget.

#### **PPLC (Amy Lenz)**

Thanks to all for making the week special for the teachers.

#### **Curriculum (Carlton Oquendo)**

Using small focus groups to help develop rubrics. We are working on a technological mapping system for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to include Writing, Social Studies and Science as the identified content area.

#### **SIPAAA (Anna Alvarado and Linda Feaman)**

An analysis was given and there were no questions. Rumored we won't have a budget until July, 2011. A brief 20 minute presentation will be given on SIPAAA at the next meeting by Linda Feaman.

**Building and Safety (Dan)** ó Nothing new, except that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is full of light! Thank you from the teachers.

#### **By-laws (Matt)**

Nothing New

#### **PTA (Laura)**

Last general meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the North Basement. Voting will take place on new vacancies. All are invited to participate.

250 tickets sold for the Cubs Family Outing, scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:20pm. Parking at Hawthorne will be available.

June 15<sup>th</sup> is our last full day of school. Mystic Celt from 4-7pm, as in the past, will be looking for Hawthorne families to come and eat in or carry out. 40% of all proceeds by Hawthorne supporters will be donated back to the school. Send friends and family and tell them to mention Hawthorne

Our last newsletter for the year will be sent home prior to last day of school. In the past we have tried to distribute at 3<sup>rd</sup> Q report card pick-up, but much was happening on the heels of the Spring Fundraiser. Look for the publication in your child's back pack for a lot of news and tons of fun. Thanks to Debra Swan who organizes this amazing piece and to all who submit information!

Meg Ainley and Melissa Patterson have been key in helping to develop a meaningful survey for our year long fundraising. The link can be found in the PTA blasts, on the PTA website. Please participate as your feedback is important to these year long initiatives.

### Community (Kris and Catherine)

5/10 and 5/11 ó watch for parking ban after 5pm as the Cubs will be in town.

Lakeview Citizen Counsel will be held on 5/15 at Lakeview H.S. Voting will be from 5:30 ó 7:30pm  
Hawthorne Neighborhood Meeting will be the same day.

### Old Business

Rescheduling SIPAAA Sunday ó no new date yet, and really can't until the new budget is received.

Blue Ribbon Commission ó This was a newly developed commission last year within CPS. Anna Alvarado served on the commission last year and was invited to participate again this year, which she has accepted. There will be four meetings. Anna will champion the subject of teacher's children.

Modified Open Campus ó The Open Campus Advisory Team meet on May 4, 2011 to establish their purpose/goals, define roles of the members, establish protocol/procedures, and establish future meeting dates, which will 5/24/11 at 6pm and 6/1/11 at 6pm. Meeting will be closed to the members of the Advisory Team only.

### 2nd Public Comment

Modified Open Campus Schedule was the main topic of 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment. Questions and comments follow:

**Q** ó How will the information be gathered and assessed. **A** ó Everyone is encouraged to share their thoughts and opinion in writing to the Advisory Team. All submissions to date and hereon will be made public to each of the team members for review and consideration. CPS has a draft template to follow in preparation for the organization and assessment of the topic.

**Q** ó Will meetings be open? **A** ó It has been decided to keep the meetings closed. The advisory team welcomes and will be accepting public comment in writing. Each Advisory member has a stake hold in the process and will do their best to do the right thing for the children.

Parent Comments:

- Open campus supporter, stressed that as a community we need to band together.
- Everyone needs to keep things above board, and no lobbying or trying to keep people from having their own opinion and being able to feel as if they can express freely.
- Please leave the teachers out of this and let them do their jobs.
- Parents need to trust that the Advisory Committee will be fair in their decision.
- The long hours that the teachers put in are appreciated, and we support our teachers.

**New Business**

Principal Evaluation ó The LSC provided Anna Alvarado with a copy of her evaluation along with a supplemental narrative from each of the LSC members which proved to be echoes of her outstanding performance and leadership to her staff and the children she serves. Anna Alvarado spoke and thanked all for their help and support

**Adjournment**

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Beaudet seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 7pm

*Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.*