

Local School Council Meeting Minutes

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 / 7pm

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

Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees: Linda Feaman, Maura Robbins, Donna Sagami, Laura Moore, Kristen Fiacchino

- ✓ **Meeting began at 7:10pm.**
- ✓ **Introduction of LSC members to parent/teacher/community.**
- ✓ **Approval of the minutes from October, 2011:** Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from October, Carlton Oquendo seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor. October 2011 minutes approved.
- ✓ **Robert's Rules of Order:** Roger Wilen reminded our meetings follow the RRO.

Principal's Report

- Common Core (quarterly assessments) / ISAT (yearly assessment) testing/programs summarized.
- NAEP Testing for 13 year old and older students – November 9.
- Kindergarten tours currently taking place.
- After School All Stars program have 225 students participating. Thanks to Linda Feaman for organizing.
- Fall tuition based program ends November 14th.
- Winter Tuition based programs begin week of January 9, 2012.
- 8th Grade Washington Trip Parent meeting held October 25th. Cost is approximately \$1,059 / student. 90% of the student will be participating.
- SY2011 School Progress Report released 11/1/11. Mandatory training workshop for Principals to attend to help understand the information. Parent meeting on interpretation of the Progress Report.
- Report Card pickup - November 16.
- Science Fair – November 17.
- Science Lab consent for 4th and 5th grades taking place. Vote for your school. Text Clorox 7382 to 44144 or go on line (info available in office, or see PTA blasts for more information).
- Walkathon was a GREAT success. A big thank you to Karen Prince and Suzanne Kaplan along with the parent volunteers and the enthusiasm of our students who made it all a wonderful success!
- School Rankings published. Hawthorne has much to celebrate in their efforts. The Elementary School classes ranked 18 in the area (including suburban schools) and 21st in the State of Illinois. Our Middle School classes, ranked 5th in the area, and 7th in the State. Job well done by our teachers, OUR STUDENTS, our administration and our parents who support the efforts endlessly.

1st Public Comment

- Q = Will Common Core and ISAT's testing both be done the next couple of years? A = Yes. The Common Core is a step above the ISATS. Common Core provides faster return of information in terms of preparedness. So if the children do well on quarterly Common Core tests, we should see the same type of testing results on ISAT. Q = Are all states starting at the same point? A = Some States have started and are ahead of us, i.e., New York, Massachusetts.

Committee Reports

Financial Affairs (Roger/Laura) –No report.

PPLC (Amy Lenz) – No report.

Curriculum (Carlton Oquendo) – We are working with the Common Core program. Concentration continues on Extended Responses and NAEP testing Friday will provide a great opportunity to review papers to see how references and inferences are used to work forward on skills.

SIPAAA (Anna Alvarado and Linda Feaman) – Rollover of funds is \$18K.

Building and Safety (Dan) – A sink is being added to the Art Room. Project is just being completed. Noted – our turf rental is coming to an end for the winter season..

By-laws (Matt) - No report.

PTA (Laura)

- Walk-a-thon raised \$15K+.
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair December 1st. Trying to partner with Potbelly's in same area to make it a combined night of shopping/dinner with a portion of the funds back to Hawthorne. Information to follow. Don't forget, the B&N book fair is available on line as well.
- Holiday Party set to take place December 22. Chorus and Bands will perform at the event, along with Holiday Activities and socialization in the North Basement. Fun night and we invite all to attend.
- PTA fundrasier with Homemade Pizza Co. on Southport on Nov. 8th. 20% of proceeds go to HSA.
- PTA Quarterly Newsletter went home with Report Cards. A HUGE "Thank You" to Debra Swan who does an amazing job.

Community (Catherine) – Mystic Celt Fundraiser for neighborhood School Street playlot on December 7. 40% of funds raised to be donated to the project.

Old Business

- Vacant Community Rep Position - Announced both online and at the LSC meeting. Anyone interested should be ready to present at the January LSC meeting.
- Extended day planning for 2012/2013 school year – Plans/planning are not to start until a training session is attended. The December deadline has been moved to January. The presented plan will be shared.

New Business

Reminder there will be no December, 2011 LSC Meeting.

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Beaudet seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7pm

Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.