

# **Local School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**

### **Wednesday, September 7, 2011 / 7pm**

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

**Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees:** Linda Feamon, William Massey, Molly Thompson, Meg Ainley, Mary Catherine Marco

**Approval of the minutes from June, and August, 2011:** Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from June. Kris Fiacchino seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor and the June minutes were approved. Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Kris Fiacchino seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor and the August minutes were approved.

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

#### **Principal's Report**

- Welcome back! This year's theme "Year of Possibilities".
- Enrollment on 2<sup>nd</sup> day was 567 students.
- Bussing is being worked on diligently; always a problem the first few weeks of school, and a vital importance for families.
- BIC (Breakfast In Classroom) continues. Pick-up table located at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor middle entrance.
- Vendors/Companies utilizing the school property for Paid After School Programs are required to pay CPS Dept. of Real Estate quarterly, 10% of what the program enrolls. This is new and was announced by CPS late, after programs had set their prices and distributed information.
- Curriculum Night: K-3<sup>rd</sup> - September 13<sup>th</sup>. / 4-6<sup>th</sup> - September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty Institute Days were productive and successful
- Thanks to the Hawthorne families who helped plan the upcoming Family Fun Fest. Lots of hard work has been put in by Julie Wilen, Lisa Turner, Susan Zellner, Julia Smith, and Alison Kritikos and their teams for a great day of fun planned for the school community.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Coffee Talk planned for Tuesday, 9/20.
- PTA Summer Mailing was successful. Forms were printed and returned to school as requested. By utilizing this electronic process we saved the cost of both printing and postage. Thanks to all who supported this successful change!
- OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program will be a continuation of our Social and Emotional Learning endeavor last year. We have received a \$2,000 grant from DePaul University who interviewed our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students last year. The data from that program is specifically being used to help populate and build bully recognition, prevention and safety in to lesson plans at Hawthorne. The teachers participated in a 2 day in-service and further training will be afforded to our teachers thru this program to better educate our students on an ongoing basis.
- Mrs. Alvarado shared what she did for summer vacation, which included a 3 day institute on Leadership at Harvard University. Anna found the 3 days a positive and rewarding experience. We have much to be thankful in our community of parents that many schools do not afford themselves and she feels blessed to be surrounded by such commitment and possibilities!
- A special thanks to Stephanie Taiber who donated both time and money to finish the wonderful tiled mosaic in the downstairs basement by the auditorium.

- Afterschool All Stars program received \$20,000.00. 250 schools applied and we were one of 175 schools that were picked.
- Arts Partnership program received a \$6,700 grant. The PTA has matched those funds.
- Our turf field is being rented 5 days per week. The funds from the rental are being used to pay for ½ of a Teacher Assistant position, and the other half is being afforded by the PTA. Thank you.
- We have been changed to the Ravenswood/Ridge Network from our previous Area 2. The new network met to collaborate. This includes all levels from both grade school and high school. Discussed was how grade schools can better prepare children for H.S.? Writing was the main topic.

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

- Linda Feaman, on behalf of the teachers and administration, thanked the Billhorn Family for a wonderful fun outing.
- Linda Feaman announced that Anna Alvarado was honored at the Cubs Game on Saturday for her outstanding leadership.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- Our minimum funding is gone which is what was used to help fund our clerical and teacher assistant positions.

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

A date has not yet been established to meet yet this year, but a meeting will be held soon..

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

During the teacher's institute days, as the teachers worked on further fine tuning of curriculum, they also worked in groups, team building on ideas of vision and possibilities. The teachers thru interviews and review of their curriculum materials determined if their Vision Statement met the current goals. Very productive three days.

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

Everyone is encouraged to come to SIPPAAA Sunday. It is an amazing dedicated planning process by our teachers and administration. Everyone should take the time to see how this process takes form at least one time.

#### **Building and Safety (Dan)**

Nothing specific to report. LTS, one of our renters of the turf offered to fundraise to fix the lights. The wiring is underground and therefore the cost is expensive. We are obtaining three bids to get them fixed.

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

Nothing New

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

- Sunday, 9/11 will be the Family Fun Fest and it is going to be bigger and better than last year. All are encourage to come and participate. Great weather is expected. Volunteers are still needed specifically for the 5-6 pm time slot. Roger Wilen also spoke and said that teachers are need for the dunk tank.
- Walk-A-Thon is set to take place October 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>.

- A table will be set up at both curriculum night looking for PTA Volunteers. There is always something for everyone whether helping on a committee or working behind the scene.

#### Community (Kris and Catherine)

- The community is fundraising for the open green space play lot on School Street, just South of Racine. \$250,000 is required to pay back Open Lands who put up the money to keep the lot as an open space for the Lakeview Community.
- Lakeview East Festival of Arts September 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> on Roscoe.

#### Old Business

No old business.

#### 2nd Public Comment

No comment.

#### New Business

No new business.

#### Adjournment

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Lenz seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 7pm

*Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.*