

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 16, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Anna Alvarado, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Karen Meier, Linda Feaman, Stephen Poma, Allison Kritikos, Meher Owens, Todd Winer, Tim Cichowski, Miriam Disman, Jill Webb, Eric Michael, Meyhan McIntyre, Don O'Shaughnessy, John Turner, Ester Gohmann, Meg Ainley, Jack Hirshberry, Mary Catherine Marco, Melissa Patterson, Jenny Yang, Molly Thompson, Mary Calkins, Claudia Siegel, Dena Sweitzer, Jill Hart, Karen Prince, Lisa Chalem, Kevin Turner, Zahra Hansraj, Tricia Rownd, Maura Robbins, Catherine Mann, Mariana Tremmel

Absent: Tim O'Hagan, John Ori, Greg Basil

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Kathy Andrade, LSC chair. Introductions were made by LSC members and guests. Kathy Andrade called for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the November meeting. Shelia Schultz made the motion; Carlton Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chair Report:

Kathy reminded the group that the meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order. Comments from guests as public comment will be taken at two points during each meeting. Guests were asked to please keep their comments until those times.

Principal's Report:

- High school application process: Nearly 90 percent of students applied for selective enrollment high schools. Several students applied for private high schools. One student is moving out of state with his family.
- Still entering applications for the kindergarten lottery. Expect to be completed by the end of the month. Approximately 700 applications have been entered.
- Winter benchmark assessment was conducted December 10-11 in reading and math for the third through eighth grades. Mrs. Alvarado met with math teachers to discuss results.
- On March 25 there will be a school visit to ensure compliance with the Least Restricted Environment state mandate.
- Data from teacher/student surveys to be reviewed during SIPPA.
- Hawthorne has met requirements for the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress report.
- Mrs. Alvarado recognized the PTA for its efforts including the holiday party, Kindergarten tours, fundraising efforts and upcoming speaker series.

- Extracurricular activities underway include 6th grade boys' basketball, 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball, 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball, chess, band, Music House, Academic Bowl, and After School Program.
- Report card distribution is January 30.
- 28 days until ISATs.
- LSC elections are coming up. Application deadline is March 12 at school; March 5 downtown. Candidate forum is March 31.

Public Comment:

Parent asked for definition of least restricted environment.

PPLC:

Met on December 4. Teachers recognized custodial staff with a holiday bonus. Staff party planned for February. Brian Grauer and Carlton Oquendo will run for LSC teacher representatives.

School Improvement Plan:

January 27 and February 10 were the dates set for SIPPA weekends (8 a.m.-noon). Internal review process underway. Report draft due Feb. 29. \$5,880 in additional monies was received as eight more students qualified for free or reduced lunch.

Budget:

\$65,415 in budget mostly allocated to teacher salary. Remainder will go into the supply account.

Building and Safety:

No report.

Curriculum:

Teachers are working together to keep curriculum on the cutting edge. Four teachers recently certified in curriculum and instruction; three teachers recently passed the national boards. Teachers have completed the scope and sequence for science; social studies will be the next subject area. LRE grant has been a tremendous boon to faculty. In-service and seminars benefit all students. Analysis of benchmark tests in math and reading is underway. Brian Grauer was one of the teachers to visit Burley Elementary to learn more about Lucy Calkins writing program.

Community:

No report.

PTA:

Kindergarten tours have been completed; thanks to Geri McMahon and Julie Wilen for leading committee. Spring fundraising chairs Mary Calkins and Peg Cooney have sent out the first fundraising letter for the April 25 event. \$16,000 in donations has been received. Valentines fundraiser at Potbelly/Southport will be held Feb. 12 from 4-7 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to Hawthorne. Thank you to Suzanne Kaplan for organizing event. Fourth annual speaker's series will be held on Feb. 23 from 1-4:30 p.m. The topic is Gender: It's Impact on Your Child's Body, Mind and Spirit. Miriam Disman and Maura Robbins are chairs. Melissa Costello is heading up the popular Picture Person program. Next PTA meeting is Jan. 22.

By-laws:

No report.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Linda Feaman will run the February LSC in Anna Alvarado's absence.

Public Comment:

Parent asked for an update on the field. Anna Alvarado encouraged parents and neighbors to call the Alderman. Third grade parents asked for teacher supervision on field after school. While Anna sends Demitri Johnson out to supervise the field, after school is the time when parents need to monitor and discipline their own children.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Brian Grauer; seconded by Carlton Oquendo. The motion was approved. The next meeting will be held on February 6. LSC will meet on April 24 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 109 to verify LSC election results. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Ginsburg, Secretary