

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Monica Ginsburg, Laura Durudogan, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Linda Feaman, Camille Unger, Kris Fiacchino, Tom Moran, Karen Meier, Linda Flaveau, Stephen Poma, William Massey, Lisa Ratti Boyle, Molly Calkins Thompson, Mary Calkins, Geri McMahon, Sy Maltt, Debra Swan, Karen Pulver, Debi Lilly Springer

Absent: Greg Basil, Michael Brogan, Shelia Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 December 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:

- ❖ NCLB performance status report: Hawthorne was awarded Designation Level 1 - School in Good Standing.
- ❖ Jan. 16 is the deadline for entering kindergarten lottery applications.
- ❖ PTA holiday party and school concert was a huge success.
- ❖ Benchmark assessments were held for grades 3-8 on Jan. 12-13 and for grades 7-8 on Jan. 14.
- ❖ 26 days left until the ISATs.
- ❖ Sixth grade assembly to be held Jan. 15.
- ❖ On Jan. 20, all students will watch the presidential inauguration either in their classrooms or in the auditorium.
- ❖ Report card pick up and parent teacher conferences will be held Jan. 30.
- ❖ Sue Krause will be holding training for the Impact Gradebook parent portal.
- ❖ The student council collected 150 toys at the holiday toy drive. Future activities include an old cell phone collection and Valentine candy grams.
- ❖ School received a "B" on the recent building inspection.
- ❖ PTA spring fundraiser will be held on March 20. Deadline for donations is Feb. 22.

Public Comment: No public comment.

PPLC: Met on Dec. 4 to discuss time management.

School Improvement Plan: SIPAAA Sunday will be held Feb. 8 from 8:30-11:45.

Budget: SGA funds were increased by \$5,000. The Illinois textbook loan allocation dropped to \$4,800 which will be used to fund, in part, new books for 7th and 8th grades.

Account balance of \$11,500 will be allocated to teacher curriculum writing for the summer.

Building and Safety: No report.

Curriculum: Teachers continue to meet weekly to enhance curriculum mapping. Upcoming workshop will cover curriculum design.

Community: Parking meters will now be operating every day. Look for rates to increase to \$1/hour.

PTA: Donations and solicitation items continue to come in for the spring fundraiser to be held on March 20 at Architectural Artifacts. Co-chairs Karen Pulver and Debbi Springer are pleased with the progress and are looking for more volunteers for check-in, check-out and clean up committees. Look for invitations in the mail soon. Used book fair will be held on Jan. 30 during report card pick-up day. The PTA newsletter will come out on Jan. 23. Recent fundraisers were successful: Jewel raised \$250; Barnes and Noble raised \$680; and \$450 came from box top collection. Next PTA meeting will be February 18 at 6:30.

By-laws: No report.

Old Business: K. Andrade presented an update on the turf field. Project manager Bob Foster said that progress is on-target and that plans are almost completed. Plans will be put out to bid around Feb. 1. Start date for the project is the week after school lets out for the summer.

New Business: Principal evaluation need to be completed by May. K. Andrade asked to LSC to meet at 6:00 in room 109 on Feb. 4, prior to the next LSC, to complete evaluation form as a group.

Public Comment: Final plans for the turf field will be available in the Parks Department office. A. Alvarado will ask for a copy of the plans to keep in the office. Project scheduled to start immediately after school adjourns for the summer.

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 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on Feb. 4 at 7:00 in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*