

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2010**  
**Local School Council Minutes**

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Laura Durudogan, Steve Poma, Kris Fiacchino, Camille Unger, Shelia Schultz, Linda Feaman, Christopher Lerch, Karen Meier, Geoffrey Baer, Kelly Breiner, Barry Fischer, William Massey, Mary Calkins, Karen Pulver, Meher Owens, Molly Thompson, Nia Tsokolas, Eric Michaels, Catherine Francis Hart. Kevin Tassone, Marsha Pitts, Mimi Kennedy, Julie Wilson, Jennifer Elsebaie, Kate Ramos

Absent: Michael Brogan

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson 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 to approve the minutes; R. Wilen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Chair's Report:** Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed.

**Principal's Report:**

- Final count of lottery applications: 1,905
- CPS approved an admissions plan for magnet school entrance: siblings are admitted; up to 40% of students admitted from proximity lottery; remaining seats distributed on a socio-economic basis.
- Hawthorne earned a B+ in the BLITZ building inspection.
- Assessments underway: 7th and 8th graders will take Benchmark writing assessment this week; 8th graders will take the algebra quarterly assessment this week; grades 2-8 will take the Scantron assessment Feb. 1-19.
- New tuition based programs include art with Kelley Shields, and Selective Prep test prep for 7th grade.
- The Geography Bee will be held Jan. 20. The Spelling Bee will be held Jan. 21.
- The 6th grade assembly has been changed to Feb. 4.
- No school on Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- School Based Problem Solving team is continuing to follow through with interventions that teachers are providing students and whether these interventions are working to help students become academically successful.
- Several groups have inquired about renting out the turf field. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- LSC elections are approaching; parents are encouraged to run.
- PTA Holiday Party was a huge success.
- End of the second quarter is Jan. 29.
- Cubs Caravan at Hawthorne tomorrow.

**Public Comment:** At the end of the session, Selective Prep class will be evaluated to determine if it should be offered again next year.

**PPLC:** Met on Dec. 14 to discuss how to acknowledge ancillary staff for the holidays.

**School Improvement Plan:** A. Alvarado received SIPAAA planning guide and timeline to proceed. SIPAAA planning meeting tentatively scheduled for March 7 at 8:30.

**Budget:** \$5,727.62 left in SGSA account.

**Building and Safety:** Asbestos abatement and auditorium floor projects are completed. LSC Building and Safety committee reps to meet with new engineer.

**Curriculum:** Teachers are working on the SIPPAA plan.

**Community:** No report.

**PTA:** Planning and solicitation are well underway for the spring fundraiser, which will be held on March 19 at Architectural Artifacts. This year an on-line auction will be running for two weeks prior to the event. The next PTA newsletter will be out in February.

**Old Business:** K. Andrade called for a motion to approve the principal evaluation. C. Oquendo made the motion; S. Poma seconded the motion. The motion was approved. K. Andrade called for a motion to offer A. Alvarado a new four-year contract effective July 1, 2010-June 30, 2014. R. Wilen made the motion; S. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was approved. A. Alvarado accepted the contract and A. Alvarado, K. Andrade and M. Ginsburg signed the contract. All LSC members present signed the approved contract.

**New Business:** LSC elections will be held April 21, report card pick up day. Current LSC members to meet on April 23 at 8:15 a.m. to certify the election. There will be a candidate forum on April 7 at 6 p.m. prior to the LSC meeting. Candidate literature is due on April 15 and will be distributed to students on April 19. The LSC is a two-year term with some training requirements including SIPAAA Sunday meetings.

**Public Comment:** No comments.

**Adjournment:** K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. L. Durudogan made the motion; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Feb. 3 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*

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Absent: Michael Brogan

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The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson K. Andrade, who then called for a motion to approve the agenda. C. Oquendo made the motion; R. Wilen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

K. Andrade called for a motion to go into closed session. C. Oquendo made the motion; S. Poma seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

K. Andrade led a discussion on the performance evaluation for A. Alvarado. She reported that A. Alvarado had unanimously been awarded all 4's, the highest rating possible, in every category on the evaluation. In addition, each LSC members submitted a paragraph to include in the evaluation. She reviewed the process that would occur during the regular LSC meeting including approving the evaluation, passing a motion to extend the contract, and signing required forms. S. Schultz requested adding a paragraph to the evaluation to encourage A. Alvarado to continue outreach efforts to minority families. C. Unger recommended adding a sentence acknowledging A. Alvarado's successful effort to (K -- Please add here.)

K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn from closed session and resume open meeting. L. Durudogan made the motion; S. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. L. Durudogan made the motion; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*