

Local School Council Meeting Minutes

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

LSC Attendees: Roger Wilen, Anna Alvarado, Catherine Francis, Amy Lenz, Laura Durudogan, Kris Fiacchino, Carlton Oquendo, Matthew Beaudet, Tiffany Green and Jodi Hoare. *Absent: Dan O'Connor*

Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees: Stephanie Taiber, Maria Mikel, Julie Wilen, Sandy Gwinn, Heather Callow, Linda Feaman, Mimi Kennedy

Approval of the minutes from September : Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from November, Kris Fiacchino motioned to approve and Catherine Francis seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor and the minutes were approved.

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

Principal's Report

Anna Alvarado welcomed all and wished all a Happy New Year.

ISBE Letter was received and Hawthorne has been advised they are in compliance. IDP Goals for Special Education students need to be refined. IDP teachers have attended a workshop to assist in this area. To clarify, this is only the refinement of documentation of goals. The program itself is in good order.

HSA has been chosen for the 2011-12 NCLB Choice Program. BOE sends out applications to students in low performing schools who then apply to the program and spots are by lottery assignment. Last year 5 students applied however they did not show on the first day. After follow-up with the families the appointed spots were either closed out or went to wait list students.

A recent amendment to the Illinois School Code provides for a non-teacher staff member to be elected to local school councils as of January 1, 2011. Therefore our local school council will have 12 members in the future, with 7 members to be physically present at meetings to take any action on matters requiring a vote. There has been one non-teacher staff member volunteer. A speech will be prepared and given to the staff in January, and voting by the staff will take place on January 27 for the new election.

Local School Advisory Applications for current LSC members are to be submitted to the LSC Relations Office downtown by February 4, 2011.

There was 99% attendance at report card pick-up in November. 12 report cards were not picked up however 6 of the 12 parents notified the school office in advance that they would not be available.

Five Kindergarten tours were completed for the upcoming school year, 2011-12. Thank you to the parents and PTA who helped organize.

Application deadline for 2011-12 School year was December 17th. Applications were to be sent directly the Central office downtown by all applicants. Currently there is no information on how many student applications were received for Hawthorne. Hawthorne sent a clerk to the training with regards to the process.

Hawthorne's Holiday Concert and PTA Holiday Party were a huge success. Special thanks to Dee Murphy and her troupe for such a wonderful presentation of our very talented musical students. Special recognition to Lourdes Alanzo, Agnes Hong and Amy Gordon and all who helped put together the Holiday Party.

Scanton Assessment (online tests) for Grade 2-8 to take place week of January 17. mClass tests for K-2 to take place. ISATS will take place last week of February. Teachers review progress reports to identify areas of need for more concentrated instruction have done so in preparation for these upcoming tests as well.

Vision and Hearing tests were conducted on site the first week of January.

7th Grade Constitution Test will be given January 20th.

Committee Reports

Financial Affairs (Roger/Laura)

Hawthorne is focused on our upcoming Spring Auction which is the largest source of revenues to the school community.

Corporate Sponsorships program are organizing well. The Art's Partnership and Healthy Choices initiatives are in good leadership hands. Our Tech initiative, which is vitally important to the school is in need of someone to take a leadership role. The person does not need to be of technical knowledge. We are asking parents and our community to network to help us fill this need.

1st Public Comment

A question to Mrs. Alvarado: "What happens when NCLB spots are not fulfilled?" Answer: We call to confirm with the families that they will not be attending, and if possible, they then go to the wait list of students

PPLC (Amy Lenz)

The teachers' next meeting will be tomorrow, 1/13/11, Thursday, at 2:45pm.

Curriculum (Carlton Oquendo)

The teachers are working on Extension of Writing. This is something of course worked on K-8, however there is a focus on 6-8 and what can be done to refine their writing skills. For 8th grade, prior to their advancement to High School and beyond, there remains a focus on persuasive writing with a more sophisticated sentence structure in order to better influence their audience. The State will not be testing writing on ISAT's but the Board of Education looks at that area intently.

SIPAAA (Anna Alvarado and Linda Feaman)

Our SGA funds balance is \$4,433. We are still waiting for our rollover. SIPAAA Sunday has been scheduled for February 27, 2011.

Building and Safety (Dan) - No report.

By-laws (Matt)

The by-laws will be reviewed for necessary changes in light of the changes to the Illinois School Code.

PTA (Laura)

All information shared will be sent out on the PTA Weekly Announcements.

- Community Food Drive January 15-27th. Non-Perishable goods are being requested. Large boxes will be available by the doors for donations. On January 28th collected items will be taken to the Greater Chicago Food Depository by the students/families that have volunteered. Thanks to Andrea Gothman for setting up the tour. 20 students have signed up so far. Limited spots available.
- Race To Nowhere movie will be shown at the Music Box Theatre on January 22nd. We will share the space with Blaine. \$10 / ticket. Proceeds go to Blaine. Following the viewing, Hawthorne's SEL committee will spearhead conversation.
- A technology initiative has been suggested by Eric Michaels. Hawthorne is looking for used computers to be donated. Ellen Resnick has put together a press release that will be in the local newspapers. A 501(c)3 tax form will be provided to anyone who makes a donation.
- Movie day at Lincoln Hall (owned by Shuba Family). January 30 at 1pm. \$15 per ticket includes buffet lunch, movie, movie snacks, and beverage. Cash adult beverage bar.
- March 18th / Spring Auction "Over The Moon" at Architectural Artifacts. More cuts in store for next year school funding. Program and teacher salaries are at stake. Please get involved to help keep Hawthorne whole.

Community (Kris and Catherine)

- On 12/21/10 there was a sexual assault / battery in the approximate area of West Barry and Belmont. The attacker was identified as male/17-24 years of age/5'8" height/brown complexion.
- Home break-ins in the area occurred over the Holidays.
- Ice Skating will be available at Wrigley Field.

2nd Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Carlton Oquendo seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7pm

Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.