

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 18, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Anna Alvarado, Monica Ginsburg, John Ori, Roger Wilen, Greg Basil, Karen Meier, Linda Feaman, Matt Beaudet, Kris Fiacchino, Susan Ford
Absent: Tim O'Hagan Carlton Oquendo

The organizational meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kathleen Andrade, previous LSC Chair. Kathy was selected as temporary chairperson. Monica Ginsburg was appointed temporary secretary. Kathy called for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the June 2007 meeting. All members present were in favor with 0 abstentions and 0 votes against. The motion was approved.

Kathy was selected to retain her position as LSC chair. Monica was selected to serve as secretary. Greg Basil was selected to retain his position as vice chairman. Motions were made for approval for each nomination and votes were taken with unanimous approval.

Meeting dates for the 2007-2008 LSC were set as follows: September 5, October 10, November 7, December 5, January 16, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4. LSC elections will be held April 16.

There was a motion to establish a bylaws committee and Roger Wilen was appointed chairman.

There was a motion to appoint new committee chairs as follows: Brian Grauer PPLC; Monica Ginsburg PTA; John Ori Community; Anna Alvarado, SIPPA; Kathy Andrade, Budget; Greg Basil and Roger Wilen, Building and Safety. Nominations for the Curriculum Committee were tabled until Carlton Oquendo could be present to accept the nomination.

Kathy made a motion to accept Robert's Rules of Order. Motion was passed. Motion to adjourn the Organizational meeting was made by Anna Alvarado and 2nd by Greg Basil with all members present in favor of the motion. Organizational meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Kathy called the LSC meeting to order at 6:45pm. A motion was approved to accept the July agenda and minutes of the June meeting.

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:

Anna Alvarado reviewed the following:

-2006-2007 ISAT test results were outstanding. Math scores rose .2 percent, reading dropped slightly at .6 percent, composite scores rose .1 percent, and science jumped two percent.

-Six new teachers will join Hawthorne for the coming school year, Katie Conway and Alex Prutch have taken new junior high positions, and the junior high department has been revamped in an effort to maintain consistency and ensure high standards.

-AMPS 2007-2008 calendar was presented.

-Custodial crew is working every day to get building ready for the first day of school.

-There were several improvements made to the building through PTA funding: new classroom bulletin boards, climbing wall in the gym new alarm system and an outdoor sign on the School and Clifton Street sides of the building.

-Several teachers have attended summer teacher workshops on topics including writing, DIBELS training reading comprehension and autism.

-Hawthorne was an ASPIRE grant recipient and Linda Feaman and Shelia Schultz attended a workshop to learn a new way of targeting potentially struggling readers in kindergarten through third grade.

Public Comment:

Discussion about status of kindergarten siblings still on wait list. Anna told the group that she is doing her best but the situation is being monitored very closely by the board of education.

Old Business:

Discussion of LSC community representative vacancy was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:None

The next meeting will be held on September 5th in the Auditorium. Brian Grauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Roger Wilen with all members present in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 against. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Ginsburg
LSC Secretary