

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Anna Alvarado, Monica Ginsburg, John Ori, Roger Wilen, Greg Basil, Carlton Oquendo, Tim O'Hagan, Tricia Rownd, Jennifer Fardy, William Massey, Claude Trotter, Karen Meier, Kim Isele, Linda Feaman, Jill Webb, Matt Beaudet, Steve Poma, Karen Prince, Maura Robbins, Susan Bernard, Miriam Disman, Eddy Leiva, Mary Catherine Marco, Lance Marco, Greg Sarchet.

Absent: Debi Lily Springer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Kathleen Andrade, LSC Chair. Introductions by LSC members and Hawthorne guests were made. Introductions were interrupted by a call from the CPS Girls City Championship Soccer game. The Hawthorne Girls Soccer Team won the game 3-0 against Gallistel. (YEAH!!) Kathy Andrade called for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the May 2007 meeting. The nomination was 2nd by Tim O'Hagan. All members present were in favor with 0 abstentions and 0 votes against. The motion was approved.

Kathy Andrade reviewed Robert's Rules of Order. Comments from guests as public comment will be taken at 2 points during each meeting. Guests were asked to please keep their comments until those times.

Principal's Report

Anna Alvarado reviewed the following:

- "Swine and Dine" is coming up June 8th. The first floor students are oozing with excitement. They have read over 10,000 books and Mrs. Alvarado has agreed to kiss a real pig! She even agreed to dance with the pig if they have read more than 10,000 books.
- IMPACT Deployment-Attendance will be done on this system next year. Report cards will be challenging, but doable.
- Graduation is Tuesday, June 12th. The LSC members have invitations in their packets.
- The Fall calendar has not yet been released. It is still being updated.
- The Fall literacy unit will be based on a summer book series that the students will take home at the end of the year.
- 7th grade Springfield trip was Fabulous! Carlton Oquendo talked

about how the students visited the Lincoln Library and absorbed lots of information. This will be incorporated into the 8th grade curriculum. It was a great trip! Mrs. Alvarado commented on what a great chaperone Mrs. Oquendo was. That she added a wealth of information and engaged the students in learning.

- Awards Assembly is 12:45pm on Thursday.
- Lily McFall and Bonnie Atanus will be retiring this year.
- Chicago Metro History Fair – 2 out of 4 of the projects from Hawthorne went on to Nationals.
- Community Outreach programs: Debbie Shepard organized a series of projects this year to help nearby shelters and help clean-up the environment. The 3rd grade students send care packages to the troops. The UPS on Southport, donated the shipping costs.
- Movie in the Park is being held at Hawthorne on June 10th sponsored by the Hawthorne Neighbors group. All are welcome!
- The 8th grade celebrated their talents in their presentation of the 8th grade play “Once on this Island”. This is sponsored by the Arts Partnership. It was wonderful.
- Hawthorne students were recognized for their artistic talent in a citywide competition.
- The Hawthorne Chorus, under the direction of Dee Murphy are celebrating their Excellent Rating.

Public Comment

Q. Is the school schedule out yet?

A. School schedule for next year is not yet out.

Q. What is the Awards Assembly?

A. It is for 3rd-8th graders to recognize their achievements in sports, academics and art.

Q. Did the Project Citizen project have any impact on legislation change?

A. Feb. 6th a bill was passed that increased the fine for running a stop sign to \$100.00.

-Ms. Rownd mentioned the students loved the drumming unit that was sponsored by the Arts Partnership.

PPLC

Brian Grauer reported a new writing program. Students will conference about their writing K-5th.

School Improvement Plan-All done!

Budget

All done! Only approximately \$1800.00 left to pay teachers for curriculum writing in the summer.

Building and Safety- Tim O’Hagen reported that the Speed bump letter was sent to request speed bumps between School and Seminary streets. Roger asked about the field. The field is possibly being done this summer.

Curriculum- Carlton reported that the teachers met in groups with the main goal of getting text books ordered. The teachers compiled a "wish list" that is being fulfilled by the funds raised by the PTA.

PTA

- Monica Ginsburg reported the new President is Karen Lewis.
- The PTA unveiled their budget for next year.
- They also discussed fundraising events for next year.

Community-John Ori said that city stickers would be on sale at the Alderman office. Nettelhorst will be having Farmer's Market days this summer. There has been a rash of armed robberies in the neighborhood. Be Careful out there!

Bylaws - No report.

Old Business – Community member vacancy. A map of the boundaries is in the office.

New Business- Principal Performance Review response from Mrs. Alvarado.

- She faced different challenges within the 7 standards she was evaluated on in her review. She feels fortunate to be at this school. The LSC is wonderful, dynamic, and supportive. Parents are supportive. Everyday poses new challenges. Linda Feaman is a great partner. The teachers are phenomenal. She loved going into the 7th grade class this week and teaching them math. She recognized her supportive husband.
- Motion to close the minutes of the previous years meetings made by Kathy Andrade. The motion was 2nd by Tim O'Hagan. All present in favor with 0 abstentions and 0 against. The motion was approved.
- Kathy Andrade made a motion to set the organizational meeting date for July 18th at 6:30pm. It will be held at Hawthorne. Greg Basil 2nd the motion with all members present in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 against. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

- Tim O'Hagan asked about whether there were drawings for the field? Mrs. Alvarado stated that the City and Chicago Park District personnel are handling the project and everything is being addressed.
- Bussing applications are going home in the backpacks today and are due back on Friday.
- Sheila Schultz asked if we are losing any busses next year? Mrs. Alvarado said No.
- Greg Basil thanked Kathy Andrade for making a Thank You plaque for the Dairy Queen on Southport who has supported Hawthorne in Fundraising.
- Tricia Rownd reminded everyone to support the UPS on Southport for helping send the care packages to the troops in Iraq.

- Next meeting – July 18th at 6:30 pm. The calendar of future LSC meetings will be established at the July 18th organizational meeting. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Andrade. The motion was 2nd by Greg Basil with all members present in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 votes against. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Schultz
LSC Parent Representative