

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

Executive Session: Principal Performance Evaluation

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Tim O'Hagan, John Ori, Greg Basil

The Executive Session meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Kathy Andrade, LSC chair, to review the Principal Performance Evaluation. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

March 5 LSC Meeting

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Anna Alvarado, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Linda Feaman, Jill Webb, Steve Poma, Jennifer Djikas, Kris Fiacchino, Jenny Yang Nygren, Beth Fox, Megan McIntyre, Chloe Ainley, Meg Ainley, Esther Gohmann, Claudia Siegel, Dena Sweitzer, Jill Hart, Mary Calkins, Chris Kayser, Zahra Hansraj, Karen Lewis, Susan Bernard, Maura Robbins

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Kathy Andrade, LSC chair. Introductions were made by LSC members and guests. Kathy Andrade called for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the January meeting. Shelia Schultz made the motion; Carlton Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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 hold their comments until those times.

Principal's Report:

- ISAT testing week underway.
- High school selection process: Seventy-two percent of eighth grade students got in to at least one selective enrollment high school.
- Kindergarten lottery was held and acceptance letters were to be delivered to the Board by March 7 for mailing to families.
- LSC nomination papers due March 12. Candidate forum is March 31.
- Hawthorne received an Illinois Textbook Loan of \$14,724.38 for '08-'09 school year. Funds will be used to purchase K-6 science kits and texts.
- New, upgraded phone system will be installed on April 14. Teacher training will be held on April 11.
- March 25 through March 28 there will be a first-year audit to ensure compliance with the Least Restricted Environment state mandate.
- ASPIRE update: Headsprout software was installed on six computers. Mr. Wise to monitor.
- Mathcounts competition: 8th grade team took first place in the state competition.
- National Geographic Geography Bee: Noah Asimow made the top 100 and will be going to the state competition.

- Mrs. Alvarado recognized the PTA for its successful speaker series.
- 8th grade fundraiser: Family Movie Night to be held March 7. Last fundraiser before the Washington, D.C. trip.
- SIPAAA report draft was submitted on Feb. 29.
- Turf update: Park District is now in charge of installation of turf field.

Public Comment:

LSC elections: Community boundary map in office. ISAT results: Preliminary results expected in May '07. Selective enrollment high schools: Number of accepted HAS students vary but Mrs. Alvarado said she would not expect it to be lower than 72 percent.

PPLC:

Met on Feb. 21. Teachers reviewed ISAT prep strategies and science kit needs. Mr. Grauer reports that the K-1 Curriculum Integration Night was fantastic. "If they can explain it, they've learned it," he says. "It was very powerful for students and staff."

School Improvement Plan:

SIPPA Sundays were held on January 27 and February 10. Report draft of outcome and process analysis was submitted Feb. 29. Mrs. Alvarado is waiting for the budget to be set before completing report.

Budget:

\$11,738.36 remains in budget; dollars to be allocated to the supply account.

Building and Safety:

Chairs will conduct an indoor/outdoor inspection with Edgar.

Curriculum:

SIPAA process completed. LRE funds used for some faculty to attend workshops on differentiated instruction. Faculty report out to each other. Mrs. Oquendo said she is pleased with the professionalism of the faculty.

Community:

Cubs Opening Day is March 31.

PTA:

\$500 was raised at the Valentine's fundraiser at Potbelly/Southport on Feb. 12. Successful speaker's series will be held on Feb. 23. Spring fundraiser was held on April 25; \$81,000 has already been raised. Raffle will kick-off on April 4. Fizz family pizza party will be held March 9 to celebrate the end of ISATs. Next PTA meeting is March 25.

By-laws:

No report.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Public Comment:

Girl's 7th and 8th grade basketball team completed play in two leagues. Playoffs will be March 6 at Hamlin Park.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Brian Grauer; seconded by Carlton Oquendo. The motion was approved. The next meeting will be held on April 2. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Ginsburg, Secretary