

Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Linda Feaman, Greg Basil, Shelia Schultz, Kathleen Andrade, Laura Durudogan, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Camille Unger, Kris Fiacchino, Monica Ginsburg, Lisa Ratti Boyle, William Massey, Molly Calkins Thompson, Mary Calkins, Karen Pulver, Jill Webb, Tom Moran, Stephen Poma, Susan Bernard, Geri McMahon

Absent: Michael Brogan

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman K. Andrade. Following the introduction of members and guests, K. Andrade called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. C. Oquendo made the motion; C. Unger seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Principal's Report:

- ❖ ISAT testing week is underway.
- ❖ Hawthorne won an Excellence Award from the ISBE.
- ❖ 72% of eighth graders were accepted into selective enrollment high schools. Acceptance letters are due by March 6.
- ❖ Kindergarten lottery acceptance letters will be sent the week of March 16. Kindergarten registration will be held May 3.
- ❖ Two weeks remain in the After School Counts program. A. Alvarado thanked the PTA for its support.
- ❖ Kindergarten and 1st grade Curriculum Showcases will be held on March 12.
- ❖ Stretch and Grow for grades K-3 starts the week of March 9. The fitness program was piloted last year and will run for 10 weeks.
- ❖ The team of Dylan Pulver, Zach Bernard, Sam Lowenthal and Cyrus DeLoye won first place in the Math Counts competition. Dylan Pulver was the individual winner.
- ❖ Fifth grader Sofia Uvena has qualified to move on to the city Spelling Bee.
- ❖ Ms. Oliveri and the Environmental Club members participated in the annual presentation of the River Congress.
- ❖ The National Junior Honor Society Variety Show will be held March 25 and March 26. Tickets are \$3. Proceeds will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- ❖ Raffle kick-off was a success; ticket sales are in full swing.
- ❖ LSC members must provide documentation of training that has been completed and/or complete training to remain on the board. The next training session will be held on March 28 at Agassi.

Public Comment: The Cubby Bear will sponsor a neighborhood clean up on April 4 at noon. From March 12-19, John's Place in Roscoe Village will donate 10% of participating checks back to the school.

PPLC: C. Unger reported that the group discussed scheduling issues.

School Improvement Plan: L. Feaman will attend a SIPAAA meeting on March 16.

Budget: Account balance of \$13,070 to be allocated to summer curriculum writing.

Building and Safety: The auditorium floor will be replaced this summer.

Curriculum: Teacher team formed to continue developing curriculum mapping.

Community: Election for the 5th Congressional District seat will be held April 7.

PTA: Excitement is building for the March 20 Spring Fundraiser at the Palmer House. More than 260 people have responded and there are 560 auction items and 11 live auction items including tickets to the Oprah Show. Raffle ticket sales are underway and the ad book will be printed on March 6. Mystic Celt dinner/fundraiser raised \$641. "Love and Logic" program will be March 14. Next PTA meeting will be April 14 at 6:30.

By-laws: No report.

Old Business: No update on the turf field project.

New Business: K. Andrade distributed a draft of the principal evaluation and asked LSC members to send her changes and comments. The evaluation will be presented to A. Alvarado upon completion. Due date is May 1.

Public Comment: Hawthorne Neighbors and Central Lakeview Neighbors will sponsor a movie night on June 7 on the Hawthorne field. The groups will make a \$200 donation to the school. 8th grade parents are holding a fundraiser at SOPO on March 4 from 5-8 p.m. 25% of proceeds will be donated to the school.

Adjournment: K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Basil made the motion; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*