

**Local School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2011 / 7pm**

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

**Parent/Teacher/Community Attendees:** Kelly Breiner, Matthew Kellam, William Massey, Catherine Tipping, Molly Thompson, Whitney Covalle, Linda Feaman, Maria Mikel, Kathleen Lally

**Approval of the minutes from September :** Roger Wilen made a motion to approve the minutes from January, Kris Fiacchino motioned to approve and Laura Durudogan 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 Kathleen Lally to the Local School Counsel. Kathleen has been elected as a non-teacher staff member per the recent Illinois School Code amendment.

73% of Hawthorne 2010-11 graduating class received Selective Enrollment High School placements. Last year selective placement was 56%. There is a Principal Appeal Process option if anyone would like to consider discussing what criteria has to be met.

Hawthorne received Academic Excellence Award & 2010 Illinois Honor Roll. Criteria to earn this award  
1) Adequate progress in 2009/2010 NCLB. 2) Schools serving grades 8 and below must meet or exceed state standards in reading and math for 3 most recent school years. Congratulations to Anna Alvarado, teachers, staff and students!

Reminder ISAT testing to take place the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>. Students are ready.

CPS Food Allergy and Management Policy reviewed. A recent allergy incident took place at Hawthorne. It is imperative that parents and students support and give a greater awareness to this very serious health issue.

Breakfast In The Classroom (BIC) policy by CPS to begin approximately May 5<sup>th</sup>. We currently serve a free breakfast to all students in the lunchroom from 8:15am to 8:35am. CPS is requiring all schools to move breakfast to the classroom and serve after bell rings. Concerns are food allergies, sanitation, opening packages in younger grades, AND loss of valuable instruction time. Issue to be addressed in open comment.

Progress Reports will be sent home on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

No further retakes of Algebra Exit Exams for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students leaving as incoming Freshman.

Grades K & 1<sup>st</sup> Curriculum Showcase March 16<sup>th</sup>.

April 8<sup>th</sup> ó Scheduled visit from another school to view our platform and how we integrate Arts Partnership.

My School My Voice Surveyø to begin the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. Either pickup a form in the office or go on line. Please participate!!

Reminder the Spring Auction Art Show will take place Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.

Dodgeball Tournament has started in the gym: Mondays and Thursdays from Feb 24<sup>th</sup> ó March 21.

There are currently 3 Turf Rentals:

Flag Football 2 x per week 4/11 to 6/6 from 6pm to 9pm

Soccer 2 x per week April 20<sup>th</sup> ó June 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm.

We Got Game ó Saturdays, April 2 to June 11<sup>th</sup> 9am to 2pm.

Healthy Choices Week ó March 14<sup>th</sup> ó 18<sup>th</sup>.

Salad Bar open in the lunch room!

SIPAAA Timeline ó CPS is taking away April 1 as a possible make up day. Data Analysis has been completed. Outline of new goals have been completed. Continue to work on data.

Linda Feaman our Assistant Principal, has been awarded the 2011 CAPA Educators Award for her outstanding accomplishments and service in education by the Chicago Assistant Principal Association. Linda Feaman will be presented with an award on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Educators Award Luncheon. **Congratulations!!!**

## **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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Public Comment

Question: Who is mandating BIC? Response: CPS. 80% of CPS has reduced free/lunch. At Hawthorne there is 15% reduced/free lunch. Schools are unable to opt-out. If they are given the choice to do so, school without control will opt out due to the mayhem of the executing such program.

### PPLC (Amy Lenz)

Teachers met last Thursday. They wanted the PPLC to carry to the LSC meeting their true appreciation for the PTA parent support. Teachers are currently planning their outings along with extras for the Spring Auction. .

### Curriculum (Carlton Oquendo)

The children are ready for their ISATS.

### SIPAAA (Anna Alvarado and Linda Feaman)

No new date has been set for SIPAAA Sunday.

Building and Safety (Dan) ó Reported was the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball and their success for the season! In addition, the Chief of Police is being scheduled to come and talk about safety in school. It was requested of the audience if there were any items or requests. No requests were given. .

#### By-laws (Matt)

The by-laws reviewed and several changes were suggested. Those changes will be voted on at the next meeting. .

#### PTA (Laura)

- On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Hawthorne's 1<sup>st</sup> Movie Day was hosted by the Schuba Family at Lincoln Hall. 90 paid guests attended. Loads of fun. Thanks to the Schuba Family!
- Pre-Auction Signature Event hosted by 6 families / 1 veteran family at Faith & Whiskey. It was an awesome event. Thank you!
- The PTA Executed Board will have 4 open positions, President, Vice President, Vice President of Event Fundraising, and Corresponding Secretary. Please consider these positions and help with any nominations.
- Spring Auction News:
  - Kickoff Friday ó Dream Series Art Show ó Each child's school photo was scanned and pastel colored by the student. 540 mats will be on the wall in the North basement from 6 - 8 pm. Suggested \$25 donation. Frames will be available for purchase.
  - Raffle event to start soon. \$30K goal.
  - Online Auction begins March 11 at 7pm and runs thru Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Teacher Events will only be available at the Party Event March 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our 3 Spring Auction Chairs, Debi Lilly, Mary Catherine Marco and Suzy Persons have been hard at work with their committees since early fall. The goal is \$250K this year. This money will be put towards Teacher positions and programming.
  - The Spring Auction party March 17<sup>th</sup> is a free event and everyone is encouraged to come. Every single school who has such events charges at least \$70 per person at the door. Hawthorne has never done this. The Thornes, Hawthorne's very own Dad's band will be playing, along with a guest female singer! Hmm?

#### Community (Kris and Catherine)

- Rahm Emanuel wants to give Principals more power over their schools; double the number of teacher training academy's get more parents involved in their child's school by signing a contract pledging to improve learning at home.
- A wine tasting event is to take place Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 at Kirkwood Bar & Grill 2923 N. Sheffield.
- 3/12 Northalsted Lucky Leprechaun Pub Craw.
- 4/1 Chicago Cubs Home Opening

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment**

Linda Feaman addressed both questions

Question: Will High School placement policy change next year? Response: Probably. This policy will more than likely continue to be tweaked in order to create a mix in schools in regards to race, income, and academics.

Question: When does CPS decide on these changes? Response: Unknown. Principals get information after selection has been made and the students have received their letters.

## **Adjournment**

Roger Wilen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Hoare seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7pm

*Notes submitted by Jodi Hoare, LSC Secretary.*