

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

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Sheila Schultz, Anna Alvarado, Monica Ginsburg, John Ori, Roger Wilen, Greg Basil, Tim O'Hagan, Carlton Oquendo, Karen Meier, Linda Feaman, Stephen Poma, Amy Williamson, Lorrie Marks, Lorna Wilkins, Susan Bernard

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 October meeting. 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 please keep their comments until those times.

Principal's Report:

- New IMPACT report card grading system underway.
- High School Fair a huge success. Amy Dominguez coordinated the effort.
- After School Counts: 15 programs; 275 children participating.
- Professional development days on Oct. 19 and Nov. 2 were instructive. Staff participated in a presentation to learn how to offer constructive feedback on papers and other school work.
- Document submitted for LRE continuous improvement plan implementation
- Matthew Beaudet, parent and chief officer of Open Road Tolling, was once again Principal for the Day.
- Eighth grade coffee talk was small but successful.
- Marsha Pitts again coordinated garden clean-up with first and fourth grades.
- First of five kindergarten open houses was held. Approximately 70 people attended.
- Science Fair is underway. Results to be announced November 8.
- Anna Alvarado recognized the PTA for all its fundraising, community service and social activities.
- Girls 7/8th grade volleyball team is playing for all city championship

on Saturday at Simeon High School.

- Report card pick up day is Friday, November 9.
- Hawthorne was ranked 11th out of 551 schools in the district based on test scores in 2007.
- Brian Grauer attended class on new e-mail system.
- Anna Alvarado was selected to attend the Leading for Change program, part of Kellogg Graduates School's Executive Education Program.

PPLC:

Will be meeting in two weeks.

School Improvement Plan:

January 27 and February 10 were the dates set for SIPAAA weekends.

Budget:

\$967 is left from SGSA funds. Money will go into the supply account.

Building and Safety:

Committee chairs walked the outside of the building with Edgar Crespo. Since then, light post covers have been replaced, street lamp covers have been replaced, loose bolts around metal fence have been replaced, and dead tree and branches have been removed. Tom Tunney passed along a request from neighbors to leave on some stadium lights at night. Anna Alvarado to look into doing this.

Curriculum:

Teachers meet on a weekly basis and have more input into curriculum than in the past. Carlton Oquendo reports that new novel selections in junior high have been an outstanding addition to the curriculum.

Community:

Fundraising for Sheil Park renovation plans underway. December 1 pub crawl to kick off fundraising efforts.

PTA:

\$10,000 was raised from wrapping paper sales; \$4,000 was raised from taffy apple sales. Sock and mitten drive is underway. Fall party was a success with 160 people attending. Anthony's Italian Ice is sponsoring a fundraiser on Oct. 5. A portion of the day's sales will be donated to school.

By-laws:

No report.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Public Comment:

Band will have a performance for parents in January.

Adjournment:

There was a motion by Kathy Andrade to skip the December LSC meeting due to a conflict with the Hanukkah holiday. Motion was seconded by Greg Basil. The motion was approved. 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 January 16th. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Ginsburg, Secretary-Hawthorne LSC