

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2009**  
**Local School Council Minutes**

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Laura Durudogan, Steve Poma, Kris Fiacchino, Camille Unger, Shelia Schultz, Linda Feaman, William Massey, Christopher Lerch, Eric Michaels, Alicia Draeger, Kelly Breiner, Lorrie Marks, Nancy Tassone, Heather Cannon, Hunter Cannon, Barry Fischer

Absent: Mike Brogan

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The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson K. Andrade. Following the introduction of members and guests, K. Andrade called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. C. Oquendo made the motion to approve the minutes; R. Wilen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

**Principal's Report:**

- Walk-in-the-Park Walkathon was a huge success.
- More than 250 students re participating in After School All Stars programs. Tuition-based programs also successful.
- Scantron assessment underway. Last day is Nov. 5. Scantron is used in place of Benchmark testing.
- Approximately 80 people attended the first Kindergarten open house/tour.
- ASPIRE regional evaluator visited Hawthorne. Audit is in May.
- A. Alvarado, L. Feaman and team leaders formed a school-based problem solving monitoring team to ensure that Hawthorne is complying with LRE provisions and working to solve student needs over time.
- Anna Davlantes and Jonathan Leach served as Principal for a Day.
- Student Council officers were elected: Daniel Moltz, president; Eli Perlmutter, vice president; Anthony Tremmel, secretary; Weipeng Zhang, treasurer.
- Five candidates will be interviewed for the engineering position.
- Educators from District 65 (Skokie and Evanston) will visit Hawthorne on Nov. 5

**Public Comment:** Since this is a new system, A. Alvarado did not know when the Scantron reports for parents would be available. There were several comments and questions regarding the lifting of the consent decree. A. Alvarado reported that on Nov. 18 the board will announce what criteria other than race will be used to determine admission to magnet and selective enrollment schools.

**PPLC:** Met on Oct. 15 to discuss vote for union representation.

**School Improvement Plan:** No report.

**Budget:** \$6,879 left in SGSA account.

**Building and Safety:** No report.

**Curriculum:** Twelve teachers attended curriculum mapping workshop in St. Louis. C. Oquendo thanked A. Alvarado and the PTA for making this possible. Teachers representing K-8 grades formed a writing committee to ensure consistency.

**Community:** Flu shots are available at locations throughout the community.

**PTA:** Walk-a-thon raised \$16,000. John Barleycorn party was a success. Holiday party and concert will be held on Dec. 17. Next PTA meeting is Dec. 9 at 8:45; Mrs. Geldermann will speak to the group. Mrs. Alvarado thanked Carmen Ellett for planting flowers and Eric Michaels for building an extra shelf for the trophy case. S. Schultz thanked the PTA for a grant for the Arts Partnership program.

**Old Business:** Work on the auditorium floor will be completed over the winter break.

**New Business:** K. Andrade called for a motion for the LSC to meet on Dec. 2 at 6:00 to begin the principal performance evaluation process. L. Durudogan made the motion to approve the date; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and LSC members are expected to complete evaluation forms prior to meeting.

**Public Comment:** Wrapping paper can be purchased on-line as an ongoing fundraiser.

**Adjournment:** K. Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. L. Durudogan made the motion; C. Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Dec. 2 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*