

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 3, 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, Matt Beaudet, Kris Fiacchino, Stephen Poma, Kim Isele, Donna Schroeder, Amy Williamson, Ellie Smollen, John Smollen, Todd Chalem, Allison Kritikos, Meher Owens, Matt Norton, Mimi Kennedy, Katie Conway, Bill Kelly, Sarah Matchett, Lorrie Marks, Lisa Boyle, Meghan McIntyre

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 September meeting. Carlton Oquendo seconded the motion with the following change under the Principal's Report: Report card pick-up day is April 17 instead of April 16. 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 student council officers were introduced: Maeve Zolkolski, Danielle Schroeder, Sophie Norton and Caitlin Smollen. Co-moderators Trisha Rownd and Katie Conway also were recognized.
- Free and reduced lunch count: 66 students are receiving free lunch, up from 54 students last year. 18 students are receiving reduced lunch. Fifty families were denied free or reduced lunch.
- After School Counts: Finalizing program offerings. Many of the new teachers will lead the program.
- Curriculum night was successful. Anna Alvarado reports positive feedback from parents.
- ISBE-LRE: Marci Weiner is leading the year two audit/update.
- AMPS grant money: \$30,000 was split between Hawthorne, Franklin and Burley; Hawthorne was awarded \$8,000 for professional development.
- Carlton Oquendo is one of 24 finalists for the DRIVE award. The winner will be announced October 25.

- Five faculty members were awarded grants from the Rochelle Lee Fund Award.
- The newsletter will be sent home quarterly instead of monthly.
- Fifty one students are participating in the new band program. Dee Murphy volunteered to help supervise students.
- Girls volleyball and boys soccer seasons have started.
- Kindergarten applications are being accepted for the '07-'08 school year.
- Eighth grade parents will lead a Cubs parking fundraiser in the school lot. Money raised will go toward the Washington D.C. trip.
- Katie Conway, Mimi Kennedy, Trisha Rownd and Carlton Oquendo are in the second year of the American College of Education Cohort.
- Marci Weiner will be teaching 30 teachers as part of the Golden Mentors' Cohort.

Public Comment:

Discussion about whether or not a religious holiday is counted as an excused absence. Anna Alvarado explained that the new attendance system does not allow for a religious holiday designation, just an absence. However, when looking at attendance, high schools will look at excused versus unexcused absences.

PPLC:

Met on Oct. 2. Brian Grauer reported that teachers need a refresher on Impact.

School Improvement Plan:

Anna Alvarado is setting dates for SIPAAA weekends.

Budget:

\$709 is left from SGSA funds. Money is in the supply account.

Building and Safety: No update on turf field.

Curriculum: Teachers discussed science scope and sequence, collaboration, technology and art in the classroom at the recent planning meeting.

Community:

LaSalle Bank marathon on Sunday; look for street closures in the neighborhood.

PTA: Thank you for supporting wrapping paper and taffy apple sales. Fall party to be held on October 26.

By-laws:

Annual review to be scheduled.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Kathy Andrade to leave the community representative position open this year. Brian Grauer seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention by Sheila Schultz.

New Business:

No new business.

Public Comment:

- Shelia Schultz reported that it looks like we will receive \$6,000 from the Illinois Arts Council but, because of budget cuts; the decision is still on hold.
- Shelia will refer the name of the Target grant contact person to Anna Alvarado.
- Tim O'Hagan commended teachers for posting homework on-line.

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 November 7. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Ginsburg, Secretary