

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2008**

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Linda Feaman, Shelia Schultz, Kris Fiacchino, Catherine Francis Hart, Marisa Silverstein, Debra Swan, Karen Prince, Haleh Alberg, Lisa Turner, Molly Calkins Thompson, Tom Moran, Bob Foster, Kathleen Tudradi, Stephen Poma, Mariana Tremmel, Jill Hart

Absent: Greg Basil, Michael Brogan, Camille Unger, Laura Durudogan

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Kathy Andrade. Following the introduction of members and guests, Kathy Andrade called for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the September meeting. Carlton Oquendo made the motion; Roger Wilen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Principal's Report: Anna Alvarado reviewed the following:

- ❖ Favorable feedback from parents following Curriculum Night.
- ❖ Free and reduced lunch count for '08-'09 is 98 students up from 84 students last year.
- ❖ LRE Report: Marcy Weiner made LRE presentation at Curriculum Night.
- ❖ 8th graders completed the Explore test
- ❖ Kindergarten lottery applications are being accepted through December 19. Open Houses to begin in November.
- ❖ Amy Dominguez is back from maternity leave.
- ❖ After School Counts will begin on Oct. 20. Course offerings to follow.
- ❖ PTA Back to School Bash will be Oct. 24 at Fizz.
- ❖ Turf presentation: Bob Foster, senior project manager with the Chicago Park District, gave us an update on the turf field. The CPD will use the new generation of artificial turf which has a greater lifespan than older products. Turf is made of recyclable material and is lead free. Installation will begin in the spring and will be completed before school begins. There will be no striping on the field. Bob answered questions from parents regarding the safety of the material and the temperature of the field in hot weather. He assured us that the CPD follows rigorous safety guidelines and only solicits vendors that comply with those guidelines. He has had no complaints from parents whose children have played on existing CPD turf fields in hot weather. While he acknowledged that the blades can get hot if the temperature is high, the new material stays cooler than older products.

Public Comment: No public comment.

PPLC: No report.

School Improvement Plan: Committee will meet Oct. 24.

Budget: Kathy Andrade reported that we have not yet received the rollover funds in the budget. We have approximately \$66,000 in SGSA funds which is designated to cover a staff position in accordance with the SIPAAA document.

Building and Safety: Chairs had a follow-up meeting with Edgar. Water damage in the north basement still needs to be repaired.

Curriculum: Lucy Calkins writing program has been implemented up to the 5th grade. Junior high is beginning to integrate the program into the curriculum.

Community: LV2 parking permits still valid. Early voting for the Presidential election will be held between Oct. 13 and Oct. 30.

PTA: PTA solicited committee volunteers during Curriculum Night. Wrapping paper and Affy Tapple sales are underway. Looking forward to the Fall Party on Oct. 24.

By-laws: Kathy Andrade called for a motion to table the vote on the by-laws until the November meeting. Carlton Oquendo made the motion; Shelia Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Public Comment: In an effort to conserve paper, LSC members will no longer receive a folder with a set of flyers from the previous month. Instead, Anna Alvarado will keep copies in a binder that she will bring to each meeting. Meeting minutes will be distributed by e-mail.

Adjournment: Kathy Andrade called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris Fiacchino made the motion; Carlton Oquendo seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00. The next meeting will be on Nov. 5 at 7:00 in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*