

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Organizational Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Monica Ginsburg, Roger Wilen, Carlton Oquendo, Laura Durudogan, Steve Poma, Kris Fiacchino, Camille Unger, Linda Feaman, Catherine Francis-Hart, William Massey, Christopher Lerch, Karen Michaels, Stephanie Taiber, Molly Thompson, Mary Catherine Marco, Debi Lilly Springer, Alicia Draeger, Kelly Breiner, Trish Davlantes, Mimi Kennedy, Noelle Fischer, Susan Bernard, Lorrie Marks, Jim Sabo

Absent: Shelia Schultz, Mike Brogan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 September meeting. C. Unger pointed out that the minutes incorrectly stated the start time of the September meeting as 6:05 p.m., instead of 7:05. Pending the change, 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:

- The desegregation consent decree that has mandated how magnet and selective enrollment schools admit students has been lifted by the U.S. District Court. Alternative admissions procedures are under development. A CPS board meeting will be held on Nov. 18 to discuss changes.
- An LRE sustainability audit will be conducted in May to ensure continued compliance.
- Hawthorne received a Level 1 rating in the School Performance Policy.
- Attendance is no longer a factor for selective enrollment high schools beginning with the 2008-09 school year.
- Curriculum night was well attended by parents.
- 7th grade Coffee Talk was held; Kindergarten Coffee Talk will be held Oct. 3.
- Tom Tunney and Sara Feigenholz were at school on Oct. 6 to take a picture on the turf field.
- 8th graders will complete Explorer testing this week.
- Scantron online performance assessment will be used in place of Benchmark testing. For the first time, assessment will include science.
- 7th and 8th grade writing assessments will be held Oct. 21 and 22.
- Ms. Speth and Ms. Willuweit will hold Student Council leadership training on Oct. 8.
- Students and faculty are all geared up for a Walk in the Park on Oct. 19 and 20.
- Progress reports will be distributed to all students on Oct. 14.
- Cubs field trip was cold but a success.
- 8th grade field trip on Oct. 28 will give students a chance to hear from Judge Richard Elrod and attorney Richard Schultz in support of a unit on the year 1968.

- 📌 High school fair for student and parents will be held Oct. 15.
- 📌 Congratulations to Marcy Weiner, DRIVE award finalist.
- 📌 Asbestos assessment/removal/replacement work will be done over winter break.

Public Comment: There were several comments and questions regarding the lifting of the consent decree and how that would impact enrollment and, specifically, whether proximity to the school would be a factor for admission. While A. Alvarado did not have any further information, she said that funding would be impacted if fewer low-income students were admitted. In other comments, the PTA is pursuing parking fundraisers on a limited basis. Kindergarten open house tour dates are posted on the website.

PPLC: Linda Rodabaugh will chair the Oct. 15 meeting.

School Improvement Plan: No report.

Budget: \$1,820 left in SGA account plus.

Building and Safety: Board to supply candidates for engineer position. Committee will tour property once a permanent engineer is in place.

Curriculum: Teachers applying curriculum mapping guidelines from summer workshop. Twelve additional teachers will attend workshop.

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

PTA: Roscoe Village Shop for School Days on Oct. 8. 20% of proceeds donated to Hawthorne. Looking forward to the fall party at John Barley corn. Walk-a-thon goal is for every student to raise \$25. Affy Tapple sale is underway. Look for PTA weekly e-mail blast. Next PTA meeting will be Oct. 14 at 8:45 a.m.

Old Business: R. Wilen to draft thank you letters to CPS and community officials who helped make the turf field project a reality.

New Business: No new business.

Public Comment: No public comment

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 November 4 at 7:00 in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted, *Monica Ginsburg, Secretary*