

Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

Attendance: Kathleen Andrade, Brian Grauer, Anna Alvarado, John Ori, Greg Basil, Tim O'Hagan, Carlton Oquendo, Mary Catherine Marco, Jill Webb, Kris Fiacchino, Miriam Disman, Meher Owens, Kim Isele, Lissa Ratti-Boyle, Geri McMahon, Meg Ainley, Clyne Ainley, Julie Wilen, Leah Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Lisa Chalem, Karen Pulver, Steve Poma, Karen Meier, Meghan McIntyre, Linda Feaman

Absent: Sheila Schultz, Roger Wilen, Monica Ginsburg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Kathleen Andrade, LSC Chair. Introductions by LSC members and Hawthorne guests were made. Anna Alvarado called for a motion to approve the September agenda and the minutes of the July meeting. The nomination was 2nd by Brian Grauer. All members present were in favor with 0 abstentions and 0 votes against. The motion was approved.

Kathy Andrade reviewed Robert's Rules of Order. Comments from guests as public comment will be taken at 2 points during each meeting. Guests were asked to please keep their comments until those times. Kathy Andrade asked Carlton Oquendo if she would accept the position of chair of the Curriculum committee. Carlton Oquendo agreed. Tim O'Hagan was also added to the Bylaws and Building & Safety committees.

Principal's Report

Anna Alvarado reviewed the following:

- Congratulations letter from the Chicago Public School Board- Hawthorne one of the top ten middle schools in Illinois.
- Enrollment is: 559 (99% attendance rate on 1st day of school)
- Changes in calendar: Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12th) children will attend school; No school on Veteran's day; No school on the day before Thanksgiving.
- Report Card pick-up day is Friday, November 9th instead of Thursday the 8th. (Amended in minutes at Oct. 07 meeting)
- Discussion of three teacher's development days and activities the teacher's participated in.
- Hawthorne Band-starts in 4th grade. Tuition based from Music Education Services.

- Benchmark testing-Sept. 19th & 20th.
- 8th graders taking EXPLORE tests.
- Discussion of upcoming Open House Parent nights on September 18th & 19th.

Public Comment

Chess Club-When does it meet?

Answer – Thursday mornings & Friday afternoon.

Band-What level are they teaching?

Answer – Beginners

Where are the half days?

Answer – We are on a different calendar this year that gives us the option of not having half days.

Kindergarten open house dates??

Answer – Nov. 7th, 14th, 28th, Dec. 5th, & 12th

After School program ready?

Answer – It is being worked on currently.

Religious holiday?

Answer – They are excused absences.

Someone from the audience commended Anna for her discussion about “Code Red”

How is the money raised at last years auction being used?

Answer – Smart boards, new lockers, books, More information available at PTA meetings.

PPLC

Brian Grauer reported he met with the teachers and Linda Rodabaugh was elected as the chair of their committee.

School Improvement Plan-Meetings are currently being held with teachers.

Involvement for parents will be in January.

Budget

Majority of budget is being used for teacher’s salary. Only about 1300.00 left for supplies

Building and Safety- No report.

Curriculum- Huge curriculum development meeting with faculty. Theme for this year, “A Journey”

Community- John Ori reported on various events happening in our community. One is the Police/Fire charity game at Wrigley Field this Saturday.

PTA –No report

Bylaws -No report

Old Business – Table discussion of adding new community member until next meeting when all members are present.

New Business-Motion to change the date of the October meeting to October 3rd was made by Kathy Andrade and 2nd by Greg Basil with all

members present in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 against. The motion was approved.

Public Comment

- Hand sanitizers? Some teachers have them in their rooms.
- Turf field? We are waiting for a phone call from the board.
- Lockers for 3rd and 4th grade rooms? They have “cubbies” for their coats and bags.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Carlton Oquendo. The motion was 2nd by Brian Grauer with all members in favor, 0 abstentions and 0 votes against. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting October 3rd at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Oquendo

Teacher Representative