

**Hawthorne Scholastic Academy
Local School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2008**

Attendance: Anna Alvarado, Kathleen Andrade, Greg Basil, Roger Wilen, Sheila Schultz, Laura Durudogan, Kris Fiacchino, Mike Brogan, Carlton Oquendo, Camille Unger, Linda Feaman, Marcy Wiener, Karen Pulver, Karen Meier, JoAnn Ori, Tom Moran, Steve Poma, Julie Wilen, Rebecca Labowitz, William Massey, Clyde Ainley, Mary Catherine Marco, Jenny Nygren, Molly Calkins Thompson, Mary Calkins

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Kathy Andrade, LSC Chair. Introductions were made by LSC members and guests. The agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the August 13th meeting were approved.

Principal's Report

- Welcome to our new LSC Teacher Rep, Camille Unger
- First Day of School – 99% attendance
- LRE-ISBE Audit Year 2 – forty focus schools to show compliance with Special Education Law on behalf of CBOE; Marcy Wiener provided background and scope of the audit; Hawthorne will be revisited again on Nov. 3rd for further evaluation
- New Instructional Initiatives for '08-'09
 - Lucy Calkins – Grades 3-8
 - Understanding by Design K-8– Jay McTighe (AMPS Grant)
 - Spanish Language – Junior High
 - Scale Up – CMSI – Algebra I (8th Grade)
 - Lesson Study – Math Curriculum – Grades 5-8
 - Rochelle Lee – Guided Reading – Primary
 - Teaching with Love and Logic
- Illinois Arts Council Grant for '08-'09 approved (\$4,635)
- Thank you to the PTA for funding Building Upgrades (new water coolers, dry wall in North Basement, etc.); Instructional Materials; Professional Development; and Technology Support (new lap tops)
- New Bus Carrier: Alltown Bus Carrier
- Save-the-Date: Curriculum Nights: Sept. 23 – Primary
Sept. 24 – Grades 4-8

Public Comment

Mrs. Alvarado was asked to comment on her experience at the “Art of Leadership” seminar at Harvard this summer. She participated with 200 other principals from around the country and the world. All speakers were Harvard faculty and topics varied from “Literacy” to “Effective Communication”. Mrs. Alvarado was inspired and thoroughly enjoyed the unique learning opportunity.

It was also confirmed that Hawthorne is now a “peanut free” environment.

PPLC

Camille Unger reported that there is a need to locate Union representation for the current school year.

SIPAAA (School Improvement Plan)

Work continues on implementing and monitoring all recommendations submitted.

Budget

Hawthorne currently receives approx. \$66,000 in state funds. The allotted amount is spent on a teacher salary and benefits. Mrs. Alvarado encouraged all parents to complete the subsidized lunch form that was part of your “Back-to-School” packet. State funds are based on the information requested on this form.

Building and Safety

Greg Basil and Roger Wilen are in the process of reviewing last year’s punch list with Edgar Crespo to determine that status of any open items. Greg and Mark Andrade were credited for installing all new bulbs in the Auditorium. The faucets have been repaired in the basement Boys’ bathroom. Matt Wilbur is in the process of completing installation of the new scoreboard in the gym (generously donated by last year’s Girls’ Volleyball Teams).

Curriculum

Carlton Oquendo reported that Teacher Curriculum Groups have been formed as a result of SIPAAA recommendations and subsequent meetings have occurred. Ms. Oquendo participated in the Social Studies curriculum meeting. SS classes (all grades) will track the election process this year.

Community

Kris Fiacchino and Mike Brogan shared the following upcoming community events:

Lakeview Arts Festival – Sept. 13th and 14th (Broadway between Belmont and Roscoe)
Family Fall Festival – Sept. 20th (3220 N. Lincoln Ave.)

They also noted that the Brown Line renovation is currently ahead of schedule.

PTA

Laura Durudogan reported that the Kindergarten Picnic (Aug. 27th) and the Newcomer's Coffee (Sept. 2nd) were both successfully organized and funded by the PTA again this year. Important upcoming dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd – PTA Volunteer Fair (Curriculum Night for Primary- 6:30 pm)

Wednesday, October 15th – General PTA Meeting (6:30 pm in Auditorium)

Friday, October 24th – Fall Bash (adults only) at FIZZ at 3220 N. Lincoln Avenue.

Bylaws

Kathy Andrade motioned to table the approval of the bylaws until October's meeting. Greg Basil seconded the motion and it was approved. LSC members will be receiving a copy of the existing bylaws for review and edit proposals. Please forward all questions or proposed edits to Mike Brogan.

Old Business

None

New Business

Camille Unger was formerly recognized as the new Chair of the PPLC. Mike Brogan was added to the Building and Safety Committee.

Second Public Comment

A letter went home in the Back-to School mailing that provided a Turf Field update. Bob Foster is the engineer in charge of the process. He will be attending the October LSC meeting. It has been clarified that the field is the property of CPS. The Park District will develop and help to maintain it. During non-school hours, the field is open to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 at 7 pm in the Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted, *Laura Durudogan, LSC Parent Rep.*