



Northside College Preparatory High School

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Local School Council Minutes December 10, 2009

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Ceisel.

Present: Robert Albritton, John Ceisel, Tim Devine, Jon Feiger, Vicki McMannon, Eileen Murphy, Barry Rodgers

Absent: Scott Baskin, Petrina La Faire, Meredith O'Connor, Cathy Quigley, Mary Lou Schmidt

Guests: Eslbeth Rivere, Dianne Thatcher, Julie Pellegrino, Karen Dana, Jonathon Koewler, Rachel Pellegrino, Natalie Szczur, Celia Calder, Calvin Gang

Approval of Agenda

To approve the Agenda for the meeting (see Motion #1).

Approval of Minutes

To approve Minutes from the previous meeting (see Motion #2).

Public Comment

- A team of 1:1 cohort students discussed their experiences with educational technology at Northside.

Communications

- The Board of Education meeting is on Dec. 13th.
- There is a city-wide organizational LSC meeting next week.

Principal's Report

- Northside was ranked #37 in the nation by , #8 magnet school, and the #1 school in Illinois by *Newsweek*.
- The average class size was incorrectly listed on Northside's school report card. The correct class size is 25.9.
- Chester Tylinski will be retiring at the end of this school year. This vacancy has been posted locally and nationally.
- The Social Sciences Department hosted the first of many speaker series, which had Bill Ayers as the guest speaker.
- A *HoofBeat* article about a student was not printed in a recent edition of the newspaper based on a recommendation by the Law Department. Many good discussions about the legalities of student journalism have occurred. The students will meet with a representative of the Law Department to learn more about legal issues in student journalism.
- Work in the departmental PLCs is progressing well.
- A new contract with ATI athletic trainers has been signed.
- To approve \$9,900 for operations, \$4,500 for teacher stipends, \$2,250 for the Debate Team, and \$5,000 for professional development (see Motion #3).
- The selective enrollment principals met with Ron Huberman yesterday. It was a thoughtful discussion that covered a range of topics.
- Discussed the proposed selective enrollment admissions process and the anticipated number of acceptance letters Northside might send in the Spring.

Teacher's Report

- Thank you to the parents who provided dozens and dozens of goodies for the faculty and staff.
- Congratulations to Simmone Seymour, Caroline Mills, Sophie DeOliveira, Andrew Czysczon, and Dee Lee...and their teachers—Johan Tabora and John Belcaster...on winning the Stanford University Global Innovations Tournament. This team was only one of twenty-two world-wide winners...and the only high school team invited to participate in the competition.
- Congratulations to Nora Flanagan, Nate Harada, Mike Coy, Anna Searcy, Randy Snow, Lidia Ortiz, and Leo Park on being nominated for the Golden Apple Award.
- Faculty engaged in a series of technology-focused workshops that were tailored to their particular needs and interests (e.g. learning how to use the digital sender, tablet PC functions, Google Docs, DyKnow).
- Congratulations to Kyra Sitz and Preye Porri for their direction of *The Importance of Being Ernest* and the *Glass Menagerie*.
- Janet Torres and Jill Sullivan received their NBC.

Finance Committee/Friends of Northside

- The Annual Appeal stands at \$160,000. Approximately 32% of families have donated.

Principal Selection and Evaluation

- To approve the revised proposal for the 2010 principal evaluation process that includes the involvement of many voices from the Northside community. It will commence in February and conclude in June (see Motion #4).

New Business

- The Community Relations Committee will host the LSC Candidate Forum. The forum will be held March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Public participation is welcome.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: Eileen Murphy
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve the Agenda for the meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)				X
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)				X
Eileen Murphy (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)				X
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)				X
Total	7	0	0	5

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Tim Devine
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve Minutes from the previous meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)				X
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)				X
Eileen Murphy (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)				X
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)				X
Total	7	0	0	5

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Tim Devine
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve \$9,900 for operations, \$4,500 for teacher stipends, \$2,250 for the Debate Team, and \$5,000 for professional development

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)				X
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)				X
Eileen Murphy (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)				X
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)				X
Total	7	0	0	5

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by: Robert Albritton
Motion: To approve the revised proposal for the 2010 principal evaluation process that includes the involvement of many voices from the Northside community. It will commence in February and conclude in June

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (parent)				X
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)				X
Eileen Murphy (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)				X
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)				X
Total	7	0	0	5