



# Northside College Preparatory High School

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*Chair*

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## Local School Council Minutes February 19, 2009

### Commencement

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

**Present:** John Ceisel, Andrew Czyszczon, Tim Devine, Jon Feiger, Marnie Gielow, Vicki McMannon, Martha Mulligan, Meredith O'Connor, Cathy Quigley, Barry Rodgers

**Absent:** Scott Baskin, Mary Lou Schmidt

**Guests:** Michael Paulius, Chester Tylinski, Susan Spillane, Carol Steele, Jean Franke, Ellen Youniss, Zlatana Alibegovic, Caitlin Swieca, Rory Coursey, Vicky Andrews, Evan Rogers, Vasilki Mitrakos, Lyanne Alfaro, Jeffrey Joseph, Yonas Zewdie

### 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 Report

- Discussed that the reason for having (4) eight period days this academic year is to ensure that students have an appropriate number of minutes in academic classes.

### Principal's Report

- Acceptance letters for the class of 2013 will be sent out Saturday.
- We will learn about our 2009-2010 budget in mid-March.
- An invitation has been put out to have Ron Huberman visit Northside.

### Teacher's Report

- Last Friday Departments held all-day professional development activities with their faculty.
- Dr. Vites was presented with the U Rock award by Dr. Fu.
- Steve Arnam will be presenting at "Our World Underwater" later in February.
- Students have indicated their course interests in sound programming.
- Johan Tabora presented a poster at the American Association of Physics Teachers/AAAS winter meeting in Chicago.

### Student's Report

- Registration for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for Colloquium was changed to Moodle. There were some initial problems which are trying to be worked out.

### Finance Committee/Friends of Northside

- \$196,000 has come in from the Annual Appeal. This number includes \$60,000 in dedicated funds.
- Barry and Jean Franke recently went to a City Council Committee to testify about the Celestial Garden. It is expected that funds will be available shortly.
- Cubby Walk will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Northside Parent Network**

- Ticket sales for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Carnivale are going well. Auction items are being collected.
- Will be assisting with the upcoming college fair, incoming freshmen information and registration sessions, career day, and junior book awards.
- The Music Appreciation Awards dinner will be April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Curriculum**

- Barry Rodgers, Peggy Murphy, Vicky Andrews, and Tim Devine presented an update about the 1:1 computing initiative.

### **Principal Selection and Evaluation**

- Quantitative and qualitative surveys will shortly be sent out to faculty and staff, the leadership team, students, and parents.

### **New Business**

- The editors of the HoofBeat presented concerns about the censorship of editorials. Mr. Rodgers provided the context of the event which sparked the writing of the editorial and articulated his rationale for denying the article. Discussion ensued about the event which sparked the editorial, the goals the editorial staff had in writing the piece, some legal parameters of student journalism, and the importance of sustaining a culture in which student can be articulated in a thoughtful manner.
- To allocate \$47,435.24 for operations, teacher stipends, tutoring, printer contracts, and to provide an initial outlay for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (the latter will be reimbursed) (see Motion #3).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the LSC will be on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Public participation is welcome.

**Motion #:** 1  
**Motion made by:** Marnie Gielow  
**Seconded by:** Meredith O'Connor  
**Motion:** To approve the Agenda for the meeting

**Record of Votes on Motion**

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Marnie Gielow (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (community)				X
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Martha Mulligan (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Andrew Czyszczonek (student)	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 2  
**Motion made by:** Tim Devine  
**Seconded by:** Jon Feiger  
**Motion:** To approve the Minutes from the previous meeting

**Record of Votes on Motion**

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Marnie Gielow (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (community)				X
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Martha Mulligan (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Andrew Czyszczonek (student)	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 3  
**Motion made by:** Tim Devine  
**Seconded by:** Vicki McMannon  
**Motion:** To allocate \$47,435.24 for operations, teacher stipends, tutoring, printer contracts, and to provide an initial outlay for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (the latter will be reimbursed)

**Record of Votes on Motion**

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Jon Feiger (parent)	X			
Marnie Gielow (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Mary Lou Schmidt (parent)				X
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Scott Baskin (community)				X
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Martha Mulligan (teacher)	X			
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Andrew Czyszczon (student)	X			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>