



Northside College Preparatory High School

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Local School Council Minutes January 8, 2009

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by John Ceisel.

Present: Scott Baskin, John Ceisel, Andrew Czyszczon, Jon Feiger, Marnie Gielow, Vicki McMannon, Martha Mulligan, Cathy Quigley, Barry Rodgers, Mary Lou Schmidt

Absent: Meredith O'Connor, Tim Devine

Guests: Mike Paulius, Jean Franke, Ellen Youniss,

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

- Ellen Youniss reported on various events from the Parent Network (PN):
 - Planning for the 10th anniversary celebration at Carnivale is underway. Save-the-date announcements and Evites were sent and school website was updated. They are looking for volunteers and silent auction items. She hopes it will be a fundraising event. support@northsideparents.com
 - Ellen distributed flyers for a forum, "Teenagers and Technology," on Thursday, February 5, at 7:00 in the school auditorium. Dr. Gary Hill, Director of Clinical Services at the Family Institute at Northwestern is the keynote speaker.
 - PN will be helping with breakfast and lunch next Wednesday.
 - Junior Book Awards planning has commenced.
 - PN will start working with Mr. Hughes on the college fair on Monday, April 27.
 - PN will start to plan the music awards dinner.
- Mary Lou reported that she received a copy of a letter commending NCP students who participated in canvassing activities for the Coalition to Save Our Mental Health Centers.
- John distributed copies of On the Same Page, from CPS, to all LSC members present, except Barry.

Principal's Report

- Barry reminded everyone that all LSC members need to complete their LSC training. John reported that Aida Montijo said that non-new members' records of completed LSC trainings were lost.
- March 7 is tenth anniversary celebration. Should be fabulous.
- American Music Celebration is next Wednesday. Student jam session will culminate the event.
- Tomorrow there is a pep rally at the end of the school and Pack the Gym Night.
- Barry reported that CPS is considering a principal compensation model that includes incentives and rewards for performance.
- No one knows anything about who will replace Arne Duncan.
- Congratulations to Mike Coy for being named the 2008 Environmental Hero by the state of Illinois for his work with the CASE Program!
- Barry reported that communication avenues to broadcast Northside accolades are being evaluated and enhanced.
- There were over 220 juniors and seniors in attendance for Alumni Speak. Students packed the caff.
- Layoffs continue in CPS; budgets are being cuts in several department.

- Entrance exam testing continues. All but two perfect score students (so far) have chosen Northside. Scores seem to be high. There seems to be a dearth of Special Education student applicants so far.
- No news on staffing. No news is good news. Rumors swirl that funds for night watchmen may be cut.

Teacher's Report

- The first wave of college acceptances have come in. Students are now focusing energy on scholarship applications.
- The faculty very much enjoyed the homemade holiday treats offered by the Parent Network. Thank you!
- Northside has a few student teachers for the next ten weeks in Social Sciences, Math, Physical Education, and Science.
- Students will begin programming on February 3rd. Students will give the programmer 14 course options for their program. Numerous individuals are available to aid students and parents in the programming process (faculty, department chairs, counselors, and the programmer) and students have been given documents to aid them in the process.
- The Homecoming pep rally, Pack the Gym Night, and dance will be this weekend.
- Johan Tabora received an \$800 grant from Target for the Physics II field trips.
- Martha Mulligan returned from maternity leave. Sami Woll will be a cadre sub.

Student's Report

- Registration for second semester colloquium begins next week.
- Library will have an online catalog, starting in March.

Finance Committee/Friends of Northside

- Nothing to report from Finance Committee.
- Annual appeal is at \$185,000 collected so far. \$125,000 available after accounts payable/restricted funds.
- Two tables were donated to the art department.
- Approval received from Mayor Daley for Celestial Garden for the \$170,000
- New mailing to go out to Alumni parents, including inviting them to 10th anniversary.
- Funds have been approved for expenditures for 10th anniversary celebration.
- State of the Budget meetings schedule for January 22, 27, 29 at 6:45 and 7:30 each night.
- Motion to approve Friends of Northside promote 10th anniversary to current parent population.

Northside Parent Network

- See public comments.

Building and Facilities

- High-tech, polymer, life-like coyotes seem to be scaring the geese away.

Community Relations

- Vicki hopes to communicate to local media the successes of the school.

Curriculum

- Discussed in teacher report.

Principal Selection and Evaluation

- John distributed his notes regarding the principal evaluation process (from LSC training with Aida Montijo on November 22, 2008).
- What happens to evaluation in CPS-land? If score is below is a 20, red flag goes off. If over 28, big smiles.
- AMPS process is different than the AIO process for other schools (according to Barry). Other principals are included in the AMPS process.
- LSC evaluation is separate from the other process.
- LSC evaluation is strictly for Barry.

- Barry will provide more school data, AMPS review, CPS parent survey, leadership team survey, student perspective.
- John suggested use the evaluation form from last year, with a small change: eliminate the Kay Behavior Rating Scale and use only the Rating Scale for School Leadership (Excellent – Meets – Needs Improvement – Unsatisfactory) for all of the statements. It will be one piece of data among several others.
- John and Barry will look at the survey again.
- Barry will have AMPS review in a month.
- We must have completed the evaluation by May 1, 2009.
- Mary Lou reminded us that the LSC should be just as reflective, before moving forward.
- John would like to give Barry time to respond before the final report.
- Stay tuned for February's meeting. Committee will meet before February 19 meeting.
- Use focus groups for students and parents.

Old Business

- 1:1 update deferred until next month. Other updates:
 - Teachers visiting schools in St. Louis. HP paying for teachers to go to Texas. Fujitsu met with NCP.
 - Meeting with Mike Lach later in the month.
- Parent portal for Gradebook will not open on January 29th because NCP wants to prepare better for it: create a one-page description of it, plan for training and support, describe the differences among the grade reports from departments. Giving out the codes with support and explanation will likely cause confusion. February is the goal month for dissemination.

New Business

- Friends meeting: January 20, 2009
- Principal evaluation committee: 6:00 on February 19.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Public participation is welcome.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: Mary Lou
Seconded by: Vicki
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			
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			
Total	10	0	0	2

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Vicki
Seconded by: Mary Lou
Motion: To approve the Minutes from the previous meeting

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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			
Total	10	0	0	2

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Vicki
Seconded by: Mary Lou
Motion: Approve promoting 10th anniversary to parent population.

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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			
Total	10	0	0	2

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: Mary Lou
Seconded by: Andrew
Motion: Adjourn

Record of Votes on Motion

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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			
Total	10	0	0	2