



# Northside College Preparatory High School

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## Local School Council Minutes October 8, 2009

### Commencement

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

**Present:** Robert Albritton, Scott Baskin, John Ceisel, Tim Devine, Jon Feiger, Petrina La Faire, Vicki McMannon, Eileen Murphy, Meredith O'Connor, Cathy Quigley, Barry Rodgers, Mary Lou Schmidt

**Absent:** (none)

**Guests:** Vicky Andrews, Lyanne Alfaro, Ellen Youniss, Dylan Nugent, Nora Corcoran, Crystal Erpelo, Cathleen Andrade, Joe McVain, Esther Falete, Carlos Pineda

### 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

- Vicky Andrews presented an update of the 1:1 computing program. There was a re-articulation of the program's goals and data was shared that was drawn from surveys conducted with cohort students and teachers after the first week of school. Discussion ensued about the scope and sequence of the project, as well as some of the partnerships that are being engendered.
- Discussed a matter of a student being removed from Northside's student population.

### Principal's Report

- 357 students are on free-reduced lunch.
- The Joy Garden is moving along well.
- Paul Wagner was hired as the lacrosse coach. Dave Jeness was hired as a basketball coach. We are searching for a cheerleading coach.
- Discussed the consent decree being vacated.
- Personnel from the CPS will be visiting Northside to determine what makes the school so successful.
- The CPS has articulated they may reduce 0.4 positions from Northside's budget.
- Discussed new CPS rules about paying overtime for Engineers.

### Teacher's Report

- Johan Tabora and John Belcaster's Sustainable Engineering and Economic Development class has forged a partnership with Jeffrey Sachs.
- The American Constitutional Law Program begins next week. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the partnership with Mayer Brown.
- Teachers and students will engage in a day of service on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to John Belcaster who was awarded Yale University's Educator of the Year Award.
- Seniors have begun the official college application process. Most are utilizing Naviance as a portal for completing Common Applications.
- The after school "Success" program has started (tutoring)

- Dianne Malueg is the new teacher representative for Friends of Northside
- Open house on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-2:00.
- The Math Team is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City.
- Loyola University donated furniture for the second floor atrium.
- Matt Isenberg has taken over as moderator of the Student Council
- The Tennis Team did very well in the city championships, capturing a number of top three places. The Boys and Girls Golf Teams both finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the city. Spencer Kennedy and Cecile Franke both placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the city for individual honors.
- The LSC website is being connected to the new Northside webpage.

### **Student's Report**

- Clubs have commenced their activities for the year.
- Students are excited for the upcoming day of service.
- The Beauty and the Geek Back-to-School Dance was fun. The Halloween Dance and Turkey Bowl are coming soon.
- The Student Council hosted a state-of-the-school event where they explained to the student body some changes that are in the works (e.g. changing election rules, school spirit, town hall meetings).
- The Writing Center has begun operations for the year.
- Students have been wondering about the opening of the school café.
- The Citywide High School Fair is coming up this weekend.

### **Finance Committee/Friends of Northside**

- The Annual Appeal e-mail blasts and hardcopy letters went out.
- The website is operable and donations have been streaming through the website.
- Friends is providing information to the CPS about their accounts.

### **Northside Parent Network**

- The International Pot Luck will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents will be assisting with the Open House.
- There will be an Adult Education Forum on the evening of Report Card Pick-Up regarding teenagers and body image.
- The Parent Directory is being developed.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the LSC will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Public participation is welcome.

**Motion #:** 1  
**Motion made by:** Scott Baskin  
**Seconded by:** Vicki McMannon  
**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			
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			
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Motion #:** 2  
**Motion made by:** Scott Baskin  
**Seconded by:** Vicki McMannon  
**Motion:** To approve 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			
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			
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