



Northside College Preparatory High School

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John Ceisel
Chair

Jon Feiger
Vice Chair

Tim Devine
Secretary

Local School Council Minutes September 10, 2009

Commencement

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

Present: 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: Peggy Murphy

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).

Principal's Report

- Susan Spillane is now the Director of Counseling at Jones College Prep. H.S.
- Vanessa Ahmed is the new Director of Special Programs.
- Michael Good, Chuck Milbert, Anne Westus, Matt Isenberg, all joined the faculty.
- We received an AMPS grant for professional development.
- Discussed principal discretion in admissions.
- Snake Road was a success.
- Twice the number of students attended Freshmen Connection than had in years past.
- The CPS has made a series of budget cuts, but at this point, no cuts have been made at Northside.
- There is new lighting in the gym and new paint and waxed floors.
- Students have completed the Joy Garden in the backyard.
- New tables and chairs were donated by Loyola University for the café.
- There is new carpet in the Counseling Office.
- The Leadership Team met over the summer at Snake Road.
- The new website for Northside has been rolled out.
- Multivariable Calculus students will receive credit through the University of Illinois.
- Northside might enter into a contract with ATI trainers for the sports program.
- Reviewed the Chart of Accounts.
- To approve the student fee disbursement of \$195,000 for Activities, \$82,500 for Technology, \$93,750 for Departments (see Motion #3).
- To allocate a total of \$82,600 for athletics, college counseling, model rocketry, Northside limestone sign, operations, professional development, special events (students), special events (teachers), educational support staff, wellness center (see Motion #4).

Teacher's Report

- The school year is off to a strong start. Teachers met for 3 days prior to the arrival of the students.
- Textbook distribution and orientation went well.
- Nancy Lagesse earned her National Board Certification for Nursing.

- Alumni Update.
- Students are signing up for Colloquium.
- College Bridge has been disbanded.
- PLCs have been redesigned to be departmental groups rather than interdepartmental.
- The 1:1 cohort teachers met over the summer. New tablets were rolled out to teachers. (51) Cohort students received tablets and 1:1 computing has been introduced into their curriculum.

Student's Report

- There have been minor glitches with Colloquium registration, but those were quickly ironed out.
- Clubs are starting and sports are in full swing.
- Students seem excited for a 1:1 roll-out.
- Students appreciate the quality of the new faculty members.
- Seniors are starting the college application process.

Finance Committee/Friends of Northside

- There is a new Friends website.
- Julie Ellefson and Eric Ullman joined the Board.
- The Annual Appeal will start on September 22nd with an e-mail, then phone calls on October 6th and November 3rd.

New Business

- Martha Mulligan needed to resign her LSC teacher representative position, as she will be on sabbatical for the year.
- To appoint Robert Albritton to fill the vacancy teacher representative position (see Motion # 5).
- To approve the goals of the LSC for the upcoming academic year (see Motion #6)
 - SIPAAA School Characteristics Concern: Maintaining and growing the computer hardware and software to ensure that students and faculty can interact with advanced technology.
 - LSC Goal - Curriculum: Help shape 1:1 Computing Initiative plan
 - LSC Goal - Finance: Help shape and fund 1:1 Computing Initiative plan
 - LSC Goal - Community Relations: Help shape, gather parent input and communicate the 1:1 Computing Initiative plan
 - SIPAAA Family & Community Involvement: Northside continues to remain connected with parents and the community by posting information on our website, via e-mail, EPIC.
 - *LSC Goal - Community Relations: Provide monthly LSC updates to parents and students*
 - LSC Goal - Community Relations: Recruit LSC candidates to ensure a contested LSC election Spring'10
 - SIPAAA Extended Learning Priority: Work with the CPS to revamp the funding formula so it will better address the unique characteristics of Northside's programs. Enhance corporate funding and grant opportunities for support materials and programs.
 - LSC Goal - Finance: Ensure balanced budget, support CPS Selective Enrollment School funding formula, support Friends funding, support grant/foundation funding
 - LSC Goal - Finance: Help fund 1:1 Computing Initiative plan with corporate partnerships
 - SIPAAA School Characteristics Concern: Acquisition of funds to properly maintain the building and campus
 - LSC Goal - Building and Facilities: Develop prioritized 5 year capital plan
- To approve the creation of the following committees (committee chair is in parentheses): Buildings and Facilities (Jon Feiger), Community Relations (Vicki McMannon), Finance (Scott Baskin), Principal Evaluation (John Ceisel) (See Motion #7)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on October 8th at 7:00 p.m. Public participation is welcome.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: Mary Lou Schmidt
Seconded by: Tim Devine
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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Mary Lou Schmidt
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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Tim Devine
Seconded by: Mary Lou Schmidt
Motion: To approve the student fee disbursement of \$195,000 for Activities, \$82,500 for Technology, \$93,750 for Departments

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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: Mary Lou Schmidt
Seconded by: Tim Devine
Motion: To allocate a total of \$82,600 for athletics, college counseling, model rocketry, Northside limestone sign, operations, professional development, special events (students), special events (teachers), educational support staff, wellness center

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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 5
Motion made by: Tim Devine
Seconded by: Meredith O'Connor
Motion: To appoint Robert Albritton to fill the vacancy teacher representative position

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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 6
Motion made by: Mary Lou Schmidt
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve the goals of the LSC for the upcoming academic year

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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0

Motion #: 7
Motion made by: Tim Devine
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve the creation of the following committees (committee chair is in parentheses): Buildings and Facilities (Jon Feiger), Community Relations (Vicki McMannon), Finance (Scott Baskin), Principal Evaluation (John Ceisel)

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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			
vacant (teacher)				
Tim Devine (teacher)	X			
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Petrina La Faire (student)	X			
Total	11	0	0	0