



# Northside College Preparatory High School

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## Local School Council Minutes August 17, 2010

### Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by John Ceisel.

**Present:** John Ceisel, Vicki McMannon, Barry Rodgers, Kathleen Andrade, Gail Myers Jaffe, Crystal Melto, Cathy Quigley, Diane Monnich, Meredith O'Connor, Robert Albritton

**Absent:** Nicole Flores, Cesar Monarrez

**Guests:** Mrs. Bernauer (parent), Mrs. Fuelihan (parent), Mr. McVane (parent), Carlos (parent)

### Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda for tonight's meeting (**see Motion #1**)

### Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting on July 8, 2010 (**see Motion #2**)

### Communications

- [none]

### Student's Report

- [via e-mail from student representative Cesar Monarrez read by Mr. Ceisel]
- Students are looking forward to upcoming orientations and fall sports tryouts and conditioning.
- Over the summer about half of the incoming freshmen participated in the Freshman Connection program.
- Other students have been working on summer reading and other assignments as well as college applications.
- The Latin team participated in their national competition: the novice certamen team won 2<sup>nd</sup> place – the first time any team from Illinois made it to the finals. The intermediate team earned 5<sup>th</sup> place, and the advanced team earned 7<sup>th</sup> place.
- The students and parents expressed appreciation for the help from Mr. Rodgers and Dr. Murphy in facilitating the Latin team's trip to nationals.

### Principal's Report

- The budget situation has not really changed since our last meeting: we are still down 8 staff positions, including 5 teachers and 3 support personnel.
- Some positions may be restored, but no one knows how many or when this might happen.
- There has been some discussion regarding when monies described in a CPS press release might be released; with smaller class sizes being restored, some teacher positions will have to be restored.
- All levels of sports have been reinstated.
- Northside's leadership team has agreed to forgo prep time to maintain the integrity of academic programs.
- The goal is to maintain all language programs, math courses, and AP classes - core classes as well as special classes.

- The Joy Garden was featured in a spot on Channel 7; work will continue on the Celestial Garden in September.
- Urban Habitat continued to work on Northside's grounds over the summer.
- Northside was presented as an example of "green" living in the city of Chicago, featured in a documentary on Chicago's green initiatives funded with city grants.
- Orientations and Snake Road field trips will be conducted in August. Official schedules will be distributed at student orientations.
- There are 1,099 students registered at Northside.
- The school events calendar on the school website is currently being updated.
- Mr. Rodgers discussed the need to restore two ESP positions at Northside: the first is that of Marcos Alcozer, technology coordinator. Mr. Rodgers requested the approval of \$70,000 to fund this position. He suggested that the technology department is sorely understaffed, and Mr. Alcozer is involved in all aspects of technology at Northside, including administrative and academic programs impacting faculty and students.
- To approve the funding of Mr. Alcozer's position as technology coordinator in the amount of \$70,000 (**see Motion #3**)
- Mr. Rodgers commented on the fact that while Northside has not made a practice of funding positions in this manner previously; however, this has been a common practice among other schools in the district, and now it appears to be necessary for Northside, as well. Friends of Northside and Mr. Rodgers have gone over the organization's budget and anticipated requests for funds for this school year, and the financing of these needs will not be jeopardized by this expenditure. The timing of the payments, including salary, insurance, and social security benefits, will still need to be worked out.
- To amend Motion #3: If CPS funds this position at a later date, then this money can be reinstated in the budget of Friends of Northside (**see Motion #3**)
- Mr. Rodgers described another ESP position currently held by Marnie O'Reilly which would have to be cut under the constraints of the current budget. The facilities manager rents various spaces in the building (including the auditorium) to outside groups, writes contracts, gets contracts approved, maintains a building calendar, sets up the schedules of security personnel, and conducts meetings on Monday mornings outlining the use of building facilities for upcoming special events. This part-time position (3 days per week) would be filled by a person outside of the school and would be funded by Friends of Northside.
- To approve the funding of a part-time facilities manager position in the amount of \$25,000 from Friends of Northside (**see Motion #4**)
- Mr. Rodgers discussed other options for obtaining funding for the school, including renting the area in back of the school for a Chevy commercial.

#### **Public Comment**

- In response to questions about faculty changes for the upcoming school year, Mr. Rodgers indicated that Mr. Stroup, Ms. Porri, and Mr. Isenberg had found positions at other schools.
- In response to a question about the status of technology and the one-to-one computing initiative at Northside, Mr. Rodgers indicated that incoming freshman received invitations to participate in the program this year at Northside, and 100 additional computers on carts were donated to the school this year. The program will be implemented in a practical and feasible manner, and this year we will at least hold ground and maintain the advancements made last year. Some factors which must be considered in moving this program forward are the numbers of computers required and the durability of these machines to withstand steady student use.
- In response to questions from parents regarding last year's admissions process, Mr. Rodgers indicated that there was not a statistically significant change in the entry score average of students admitted to Northside. The process is still being developed for this year and should be set in September.
- This year Northside has a larger percentage of African American students, a smaller percentage of Hispanic and Asian students, and a slightly increased percentage of Caucasian students. The use of

different geographic areas as a criterion for admission to selective enrollment schools was intended to maintain a diverse student body.

### **Teachers' Report**

- In response to a question from a parent, Mr. Albritton indicated that discussions between CPS and the teachers' union were ongoing, and the union had rejected concessions proposed by CPS.

### **Committee Reports**

- The Parent Network met with Mr. Rodgers and Dr. Murphy to finalize meetings and events schedules, which will be posted on the school website. The NCPPN will host a reception for parents of incoming freshmen later this month. Officers are working with Ellen Youniss to update the e-mail system. New computer software will be used to solicit parent volunteers and to keep track of the responses for volunteering at various events throughout the year. Crystal Melto will be the liaison between the Parent Network and the LSC. The next meeting of the NCPPN will be on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, but will usually be on the first Thursday of each month.

### **New Business**

- To approve the adoption of Robert's Rules to guide the conduct of future LSC meetings (**see Motion #5**)
- Deferred until next month: membership and goal setting for LSC committees, discussion of community relations goals

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Parent Network: September 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Agenda**

To approve the standard agenda for next month's meeting (**see Motion #6**)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. (**see Motion #7**).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the LSC will be on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lunchroom. Public participation is welcome.

**Motion #:** 1  
**Motion made by:** Gail Myers Jaffe  
**Seconded by:** Robert Albritton  
**Motion:** To approve the agenda for tonight's 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			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 2  
**Motion made by:** Robert Albritton  
**Seconded by:** Gail Myers Jaffe  
**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the previous meeting (July 8, 2010)

**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			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 3  
**Motion made by:** Vicki McMannon  
**Seconded by:** Diane Monnich  
**Motion:** To approve the funding of Marcos Alcozer’s position as technology coordinator in the amount of \$70,000  
**Amendment:** If CPS funds this position at a later date, then this money can be reinstated in the budget of Friends of Northside (proposed by Diane Monnich, seconded by Gail Myers Jaffe).

**Record of Votes on Amended Motion**

<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 4  
**Motion made by:** Gail Myers Jaffe  
**Seconded by:** Cathy Quigley  
**Motion:** To approve the funding of a part-time facilities manager position in the amount of \$25,000 from Friends of Northside

**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			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 5  
**Motion made by:** Gail Myers Jaffe  
**Seconded by:** Robert Albritton  
**Motion:** To approve the adoption of Robert’s Rules to guide the conduct of future LSC meetings

**Record of Votes on Motion**

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 6  
**Motion made by:** Kathleen Andrade  
**Seconded by:** Gail Myers Jaffe  
**Motion:** To approve the standard agenda for next month’s meeting

**Record of Votes on Motion**

Council Members	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
John Ceisel (parent)	X			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Motion #:** 7  
**Motion made by:** Vicki McMannon  
**Seconded by:** Crystal Melto  
**Motion:** To adjourn the LSC 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			
Vicki McMannon (parent)	X			
Kathleen Andrade (parent)	X			
Gail Myers Jaffe (parent)	X			
Crystal Melto (parent)	X			
Cathy Quigley (parent)	X			
Diane Monnich (community)	X			
Meredith O'Connor (community)	X			
Robert Albritton (teacher)	X			
Nicole Flores (teacher)				X
Barry Rodgers (principal)	X			
Cesar Monarrez (student)				X
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>