



Northside College Preparatory High School

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John Ceisel
Chair

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Local School Council Minutes July 8, 2010

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Barry Rodgers.

Present: John Ceisel, Vicki McMannon, Barry Rodgers, Kathleen Andrade, Gail Myers Jaffe, Crystal Melto, Cathy Quigley, Diane Monnich, Meredith O'Connor, Nicole Flores, Cesar Monarrez

Absent: Robert Albritton

Guests: Dr. Murphy (assistant principal), Mr. McVane (parent), Mr. Andrade (parent), Mrs. Bergstrom (parent), Mrs. Perlmutter (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 June 17, 2010 (**see Motion #2**)

Election of Officers

To approve the nomination of John Ceisel as LSC chairperson (**see Motion #3**)

To approve the nomination of Vicki McMannon as LSC vice-chairperson (**see Motion #4**)

To approve the nomination of Cathy Quigley as LSC secretary (**see Motion #5**)

Mr. Ceisel conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Meetings Schedule

It was agreed that LSC meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month of the school year, except in the case of a general scheduling conflict. The following meeting dates were set:

August 17th

September 21st

October 12th

November 9th

December 14th

January 11th

February 8th

March 1st

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

Communications

➤ [none]

Public Comment

- In response to questions about faculty changes for the upcoming school year, Mr. Rodgers indicated that CPS had still not sent any official correspondence to teachers, but that some positions (2.6) were being reinstated.
- It was noted that the school website indicates that regular classes as well as honors classes are available at Northside – Mr. Rodgers stated that this is incorrect; Dr. Murphy promised to look into the matter and to report back to the LSC.

Principal's Report

- As of 6:30 this evening, 2.6 positions (2 full-time teachers plus 3 classes) were being restored to Northside.
- Previously, 11 total positions had been lost; currently the number stands at 8.4 (including teachers and staff, perhaps as many as 6 teachers).
- There were 62 teachers in the building last year (not including counselors).
- Reportedly, the teachers' union will be asked to forgo raises to restore more positions.
- Teachers still have not been informed by CPS about the status of their positions.
- Releases are driven by seniority by department, e.g., 4 years of math are required for each student, so a math teacher might be kept while another teacher's position might be cut – the principal must try to maintain the integrity of programs while at the same time follow union guidelines.
- Northside's colloquium program appears to be secure at this point.
- Class sizes are typically 32 to 33 students.
- Outside funding can be used to fund positions, but then money must be channeled through CPS, and LSC approval would be required.
- Morale in the building is not great, but everyone continues to move forward.
- AP classes should not be cut, and students should still complete summer assignments; teachers will be sensitive to the situation in September.
- There was a ribbon cutting event for the installation and operation of the solar panels.
- Solar panels may entitle the school to a refund check; the panels will provide the energy to run the boiler to heat the water in the pool.
- Northside's Field Day was successful: the student council assisted the school by running the games and providing entertainment at little or no cost.
- Mr. Rodgers will send an e-mail to parents and to students with an update of the budget situation as more information becomes available.

Teachers' Report

- [none]

Student's Report

- [none]

Old Business

- Gail Meyers Jaffe is in the process of completing the mandated online training in changes to the FOIA and OMA.
- There are 16 students in the NCLB group attending Northside in September; 14 of these students are attending the Freshman Connection program. A committee of people associated with the Success program (including Mr. Codd, Mrs. Figueroa, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Medina, and Dr. Murphy) are working to ensure that these students' needs are being met and that they get off to a good start in all areas when the school year begins.

New Business

- Establishment of committee chairs/co-chairs:
 - Finance Committee: Vicki McMannon/Diane Monnich
 - Community Relations Committee: Crystal Melto/Diane Monnich
 - Principal Selection and Evaluation Committee: Kathleen Andrade/John Ceisel

- There was some discussion about ways to improve communication with the parents and with the larger community, including sending e-mails via the Parent Network, posting daily announcements on the school website, and maintaining an accurate and up-to-date events calendar on the school website.
- LSC training links are available on the CPS website. (New members are required to complete 18 hours of training: 12 in mandated sessions and 6 in elective opportunities.)

Upcoming Meetings

- Friends of Northside: sometime in August
- Parent Network: sometime in September

Proposed Agenda

- The August agenda will be the standard agenda with the following modification: the student's report will be presented at the beginning of the meeting, followed by the principal's report and public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. (**see Motion #6**).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on August 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lunchroom. Public participation is welcome.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: John Ceisel
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To approve the Agenda for tonight'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			
Total	11	0	0	1

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Kathleen Andrade
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To approve Minutes from the previous meeting (June 17, 2010)

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			
Total	11	0	0	1

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by:
Motion: To elect John Ceisel chairperson of the LSC

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			
Total	11	0	0	1

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: John Ceisel
Seconded by:
Motion: To elect Vicki McMannon vice-chairperson of the LSC

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			
Total	11	0	0	1

Motion #: 5
Motion made by: Vicki McMannon
Seconded by:
Motion: To elect Cathy Quigley secretary of the Northside LSC

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			
Total	11	0	0	1

Motion #: 6
Motion made by: Nicole Flores
Seconded by: Vicki McMannon
Motion: To adjourn the LSC 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			
Total	11	0	0	1