



Northside College Preparatory High School

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Local School Council Minutes October 12, 2010

Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Nicole Flores, Cesar Monarrez

Guests: Dr. Murphy (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Aida Montijo (LSC Liaison), Mr. McVane (parent), Mrs. Ceisel (parent), Mr. Howenstine (parent), Mr. and Mrs. Wilde (parents), Mr. Feiger (parent), a graduate of 2006

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 September 21, 2010 (see **Motion #2**)

Communications

- Mr. Ceisel informed the LSC about an opportunity to attend a Chicago Schools Policy Luncheon series co-sponsored by Catalyst and BPI (Business and Professional People for the Public Interest) on November 1st ("Who is this Next Generation of Teachers?") and December 1st ("Where Are We Headed?")

Student's Report

- Clubapalooza was held last week and had an impressive turnout; every club recruited new members from all classes.
- Student volunteers will be working at the Northside College Prep Open House on October 24th.
- On October 2nd a number of schools were represented at an open seminar in the school auditorium to address questions regarding the college application process.
- In school sports news... the Women's Varsity Golf Team took 5th at city; 2 golfers qualified for sectionals.
- Individual members and doubles teams of the Women's Varsity Tennis Team won awards for 4th, 3rd, and 2nd place in citywide competition.
- Many students are attending planning meetings and applying for spring break trips overseas.
- On October 28th the advanced orchestra and choral ensembles will perform in a Halloween-themed concert.

Principal's Report

- In response to a question from the September LSC meeting, Mr. Rodgers reported that the average class size at Northside this year is 26.8 (between 25-26 without including data for physical education and music/art).
- Northside will host a rear admiral and a corporate executive as Principals for a Day on October 21st.
- Request for Approval of Funds
 - To Approve Transfer of Money – \$9,720 for new library scanning system coming out of a fund to replace lost or damaged instructional materials (See **Motion #3**)
 - To Approve the Following Expenditures (See **Motion #4**):
 - School community representative: \$41,737 – restructured and retitled 9-month position; previous funding approvals for this position are voided
 - Athletics: \$9,900
 - Professional Development: \$5,000
 - Theater projector: \$9,900

- All of the items listed above were part of the original approved budget.
 - Total: \$66,537
- Regarding the theater projector purchase...a selection of projectors will be examined; the screen will be a separate purchase. Approximately \$3,100 was raised at last year's gala and music events toward this purchase for the auditorium.
- Free and reduced lunch 33.7% (approximately the same as last year, maybe .5% higher); this number affects the amount of funding Northside receives. The multiplier is an allocation per student, which changes from year to year.
- Regarding admissions... still awaiting word on the final process; awaiting a response from Mr. Huberman after presentation by special committee
- Testing will be downtown – Northside will not run its own testing.
- Selective enrollment process has been improved online, allowing for more feedback and transparency, including a new tool to help parents make a good match for their children.
- Formula for ranking in admissions process is still unknown at this point.
- In the meantime, school spirit is high, academics and athletics are flourishing.

Public Comment

- “Louder than a Bomb” featured at International Film Festival downtown – Northside represented with a recent graduate (the topic is slam poetry) – the film might be shown in the school auditorium later in the school year after the theater equipment is upgraded
- Various alumni bands will be performing at Lincoln Hall on December 16th to raise money for the Joy Garden.

Teachers' Report

- Ms. Park received a Japanese foundation grant.
- Ms. Volesky and Ms. Hetler are this year's student council moderators.
- The State of the School address was presented by the Student Council president last week.
- Mr. Alcozer received a grant for food garden service projects in the community.
- The teachers' focus for this school year is reconnecting to students; this goal will be realized through personal reflection and peer review.
- The teachers and the union were pleased by a recent court victory for teachers who were let go at the end of last year – it was determined that due process was not followed by CPS.
- Upcoming contract talks – no news on union's stand at this point, perhaps waiting for the outcomes of next month's election
- Mrs. McMannon commented that one of the Finance Committee's goals would be to look at ways to minimize the chance for the funding crisis that occurred at the end of last year to recur this year.

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee / Friends of Northside
 - Annual appeal underway, nothing to report as yet
 - Auction pay software bugs still being ironed out
 - An e-mail blast was sent requesting volunteers for phone-a-thon (script provided) for October 26th, October 27th, and November 2nd (last date might be changed because of election).
 - Goal: \$300,000
 - Next meeting will be sometime toward the end of the month or early in November
- Northside Parent Network
 - Desperately need parent volunteers for Open House on October 24th
 - Potluck was very well attended, preceded by a SUCCESS meeting, means of encouraging more volunteerism
 - Next meeting is November 4th
- Community Relations
 - Committee membership is set
 - Next meeting is October 21st at 7 p.m.
- Principal Selection and Evaluation Committee
 - Updates on process for cumulative evaluation, contract renewal, and annual evaluation provided by Aida Montijo (no addenda to cumulative evaluation (up to two for annual evaluation), simple majority vote for contract renewal, annual evaluation due May 1st, etc.)

- Proposed schedule of meetings: October 19th, November 16th, later in November, December 14th (formal open vote during regular LSC meeting)
- Some LSC members requested a timely delivery of documents which need to be examined

Old Business

- To Approve Allocation of Student Fees (see **Motion #5**)

Note: these allocations do not cover all costs: a “quilted” approach to funding is required, using discretionary funds and monies raised by Friends of Northside

- activity fee @ \$260 per student = \$184,600
- technology fee @ \$110 per student = \$78,100
- department fees @ \$125 per student = \$88,750
- special fees for music – used for repair of instruments

New Business

- Mr. Ceisel reported on a presentation by the Illinois Education Association on the Economics of Education in Illinois.
 - Excellent speakers
 - Pertinent to upcoming election season
 - Systemic budget crisis; revenues fall dramatically short of current expenditures
 - For Illinois to make a budget work, there is a need to increase revenues
 - Increase income tax with exemption for families, make the Illinois revenue system more equitable for individuals and families
 - More investment in education → higher gross domestic product for state
 - Only Nevada spends less state money on education

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance Committee: late October or early November
- Friends of Northside: November 17th
- Parent Network: November 4th
- Principal Evaluation: October 19th
- LSC: November 9th

Agenda

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (see **Motion #7**).

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSC will be on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lunchroom. Public participation is welcome.

Motion #: 1
Motion made by: Meredith O'Connor
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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 2
Motion made by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Seconded by: Kathleen Andrade
Motion: To approve the minutes from the previous meeting (September 21, 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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 3
Motion made by: Barry Rodgers
Seconded by: Meredith O'Connor
Motion: To Approve Transfer of Money – \$9,720 for new library scanning system coming out of a fund to replace lost or damaged instructional materials

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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 4
Motion made by: Barry Rodgers
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To Approve Expenditures (total = \$66,537): School community representative (\$41,737); Athletics (\$9,900); Professional Development (\$5,000); Theater projector (\$9,900)

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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 5
Motion made by: Barry Rodgers
Seconded by: Robert Albritton
Motion: To approve allocation of student fees

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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 6
Motion made by: Kathleen Andrade
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
Motion: To approve standard agenda for next month's 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	12	0	0	0

Motion #: 7
Motion made by: Kathleen Andrade
Seconded by: Gail Myers Jaffe
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	12	0	0	0