

**Hamilton Local School Council Meeting**  
**October 21, 2010**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Hamilton Library**  
**1650 West Cornelia Avenue**

**MINUTES**

- I. Welcome
- II. Call Meeting to Order  
Motion to call meeting to order by Brent Pigg, seconded by Esther Pullman at 7:08pm.  
Motion passes 10-0.
- III. Review Agenda
- IV. Approval of September Minutes  
Motion to approve minutes with edits by Jen Gordon, seconded by Steve Hoffman.  
Motion passes 10-0
- V. Parent Representative Position  
Evan Makela gave presentation to be considered for open parent representative position.  
Stacey Paradis motions for Evan Makela to be approved, Brian Hafner seconds.  
Motion carries 10-0
- VI. Principal's Report – CPS has agreed to fully fund the science lab (including the funds raised by HAT). It will be classified as a level 2 lab. Plan needs to be developed to recognize donors (financial and equipment).
  - a. Performance Rating – See attached.
  - b. Gifted Program – Hamilton is participating as a pilot school in CPS' in-school gifted program. The current program includes 18 children in a combined first and second grade class. Parents of the current students are happy with the program.
  - c. Space and Capacity Issues – One of the responsibilities of the LSC is to determine what additional programs (special needs, preschool, etc.) are included at the school. Considering the 30% growth in enrollment this year, the principal is recommending that the LSC support a growth of two classrooms per grade. As the school continues to grow the LSC will work with the school administration to evaluate programs and prioritize space utilization. The maximum student enrollment for the building would be 550 students.
- VII. Budget
  - a. LSC budget - Discussion on \$400 LSC budget. Justin suggested selecting a training/educational opportunity that would engage more parents and Stacey recommended an internet safety course. Tabled until next month.
  - b. Transfers - \$731 to text books, \$7000 to technology.  
James motions and Brian seconds to move \$731.92 to textbook line. Motion approved 11-0.  
James motions and Steve seconds to move \$7,000 to technology to buy projectors.  
Motion approved 11 – 0.
  - c. Internal Accounts

- VIII. School-led Fundraising
  - a. Building Rental - St. Andrews Basketball Rental – Gymnasium rental - \$45 an hour. James moves, Esther seconds, motions carries 11 – 0.
  - b. Building Rental – Windy City Boot Camp – Gymnasium rental - \$55 an hour. James moves, Stacey seconds, motion carries 11- 0.
  - c. Library fundraiser – raffle – 200 tickets for \$50 each. James moves, Brian seconds 11 – 0 motion carries.
- IX. Committee Reports
  - a. PPLC (Teachers)
    - i. We have 7 new elected members.
    - ii. We would like an audit of the materials in the building done by the teachers themselves.
    - iii. Maps for classrooms.
    - iv. Technology needs to be upgraded in the building to meet the needs of differentiated instruction.
    - v. iPod listening stations.
    - vi. Having more professional arts performances at school. Drama and Dance partners like Barrel of Monkeys and CAPE.
    - vii. Getting the teachers involved in having a class website.
  - b. BAC (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – still be formed
  - c. NCLB – did not meet
  - d. Inclusion Committee –
    - i. Had a meeting and spoke about the ISBE meeting last week.
    - ii. Easter Seals came in to do some observation and possibly give training on how to write IEPs.
    - iii. Start an Inclusion Week to talk with the community and give seminars. It could be in early April.
    - iv. Pay visits to other schools that have complete inclusion.
  - e. Technology –
    - i. Steve has been working through donated computers. He uses what works and recycles the rest. They have a goal of 100% compliance.
    - ii. Suggests a Kingston lock to keep them on the table and enable a Windows server with a deep freeze option.
- X. Economic Interest Forms
- XI. Other Business – Public Comments
  - a. Holstien Park has a dance partnership that maybe we could observe. Also Studio BE could help us.
  - b. 3 students were accepted to the All City Youth Chorus.
- XII. Adjournment - Brian moves, Jenn seconds, motion passes 11-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

*The Hamilton Community (Parents, Teachers, Staff and the Community) have proven that we can come together to promote and grow our wonderful school. Please attend the LSC meetings and learn more about the school, what is happening in the 2010-2011 school year, potential plans for the future and how you can get involved!*

*Attendance at and participation in these meetings is one very important way that Hamilton parents can join the Hamilton administration as partners in helping to shape the educational values, atmosphere and goals for our school.*