

Hamilton Local School Council Meeting

February 17th, 2011

7:00 pm

Hamilton Library

1650 West Cornelia Avenue

Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome
- II. Call Meeting to Order – Esther moves to start the meeting, Steve seconds, motion passes 10- 0. Meeting begins at 7:14pm.
- III. Review Agenda
- IV. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Brian moves to approve, Jenn seconds, motion passes 10-0.
- V. Seating of new LSC Member – Staff Representative Graciela Kierna – no vote – CPS Board has not yet approved Grace’s appointment. Motion will be tabled till next meeting.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. PPLC (Teachers) – committee meeting minutes posted
 - i. Vocabulary and Spelling book - Teachers would recommend purchasing new series and workbooks for additional grades. Teachers like the series being used in Room 107.
 - ii. Computer speakers – Teachers would like to have computer speakers in computer lab and in classrooms. Steve and James said that they are purchasing and testing computer speakers for classroom and lab usage.
 - iii. East, West and South Stairs – Need to evaluate tracking strips or grit to increase traction and ease slipperiness of internal stairs.
 - iv. Sandbox – Could a lid be purchased for sandbox? James said that we could evaluate the cost to build a top, but that the preschool room has budgeted to purchase new sand each year.
 - b. BAC (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – committee meeting minutes posted
 - i. Committee has met and has President and Vice-President. Ben and Alejandro spoke to parents about Bilingual programming at Hamilton.
 - c. NCLB (No Child Left Behind Committee) – committee meeting minutes posted
 - i. Committee met on January 26th to elect officers.
 - ii. Hamilton has \$2600 in NCLB funds. Committee has recommended the purchase of 2 iPads and recommends the remaining \$1600 by used to purchase non-fiction content.
 - d. Inclusion Committee – committee meeting minutes posted
 - i. Committee is working to finalize mission and vision and approve at March meeting
 - ii. Plan to introduce inclusion goals during the school’s first Inclusion Week the first week of April.
 - iii. The Buddy program begins on February 22.
 - iv. Easter Seals offered training at school on Wednesday February 23.
 - e. Technology Committee – committee meeting minutes posted

- i. 13 computers have been purchased, 7 have been set-up. Volunteers still working on setting up the remaining computers
 - ii. 30 more mice have been ordered for the computer lab.
 - iii. Computer lab has new non-folding tables for more uniform design.
- VII. Principal's Report – see posted report
 - a. On February 26, a group of volunteers will paint the computer lab and an office.
 - b. The budget should be coming out soon. Principal Gray believes that the CPS enrollment estimates for next year are low. Mr. Gray contested this estimate with CPS central office.
- VIII. Budget and Purchasing
 - a. Budget Allocations
 - i. NCLB Transfer – Principal Gray move \$1,600 to a book line and moves \$1000 to purchase new iPads. Justin Seconds, motion passes 10-0.
 - ii. Furniture – A parent is donating Maplewood tables for the library.
 - b. Internal Accounts –
 - i. Cubs Donation Expenditure – Donated \$3,000. James moves to spend the money on technology, Justin seconds, Motion passes 10-0.
- IX. School Activities
 - a. Hamilton Science Night – Tuesday, February 22 from 7pm-8pm.
 - b. Hamilton Food Drive and Volunteer Support for Lakeview Food Pantry – Saturday, February 26 – Let Stacey know if you would like to volunteer at 9am or 12pm.
 - c. Hamilton Heritage Dinner – Wednesday, March 2 at Hamilton School. Please come and bring a dish, it begins at 5:30pm.
 - d. HAT Silent Auction – Saturday, April 9 at Wishbone Restaurant – Ticket sales start tomorrow. Wishbone has been very generous with us for the event. We are printing up posters and flyers to distribution.
- X. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 17 at 7:00pm (HAT meeting at 6pm)
- XI. Other Business – Public Comments – No comments.
- XII. Adjournment Aaron moves, Esther seconds, 10-0 and the meeting adjourns at 7:47pm.

Attendance

Daniel J. Burke, Secretary
 Brent Paige
 Aaron Baar
 Esther Pullman
 Brian J. Hafner
 Karla McReynolds
 Tracy Hoffman
 Yolanda Luna-Mroz
 Peggy Walsh
 Helen Costello

Stacey Paradis, Chair
 James Gray, Principal
 Jen Gordon
 Justin Clifford
 Steve Hoffman