

Hamilton Local School Council Meeting
March 17th, 2011
7:00 pm
Hamilton Library
1650 West Cornelia Avenue

MINUTES

- I. Welcome
- II. Call Meeting to Order – Stacey makes a call to order, Evan seconds, motions passes 10-0. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.
- III. Review Agenda – No additions or motions.
- IV. Approval of February Meeting Minutes – Brian moves to approve minutes, Steve seconds, motions passes 10-0.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. PPLC (Teachers)
 - i. Teachers would like Professional Development:
 1. New technology, RTI, new strategies on reading, classroom management, arts integration, collaboration across age and subject areas,
 - ii. Parent night for middle school parents
 - iii. Health and safety seminar for students and CPR/First Aid Training.
 - b. BAC (Bilingual Advisory Committee) – Did not meet
 - c. NCLB – Next meeting is April 14th, 7:45am in the library
 - d. Inclusion – Next planning meeting is March 24th, 7:30 in the library
 - i. Inclusion week planning committee is preparing activities for the first week in April.
 - ii. The inclusion bulletin boards are going up in the school.
 - iii. Draft inclusion mission statement for school
 - iv. Buddy system is resuming after ISAT tests are over.
 - v. ISBE has sustained our LRE compliance.
 - e. Technology –
 - i. We have been installing 17 out of 21 new computers.
 - ii. One computer and one monitor need to be sent back.
 - iii. Committee believes we have all the parts to complete the lab.
 - iv. Two computers have been set up in the café.
- VI. Principal's Report
 - a. Principal's Report –
 - i. 2011-2012 Kindergarten
 1. School accepted 44 new Kindergarteners.
 2. Three additional tours for prospective parents have been scheduled.
 3. Parents have until 4/1 to accept a spot at Hamilton.
 - ii. School amenities
 1. We are redoing the floors in the computer lab.

2. The science lab is open for business and it will be painted in the spring.
 3. We have purchased half of our K-8 Science curriculum and we will purchase the second half next year.
 4. Smartboards are being installed in rooms 107 and 302.
 5. Our kiln is being installed tomorrow.
 6. We hope to break ground on the Garden on 6/20. See attached map of the proposed Garden.
 7. We are hoping Chicago Cares will come out on June 11th to paint the second floor and a map on the playground.
- iii. Testing
 1. ISAT testing just finished
 2. Gifted testing for Kindergartners will be held March 28
 - iv. 2011-2012 Budget
 1. We have had our budget delayed for another 4 – 6 weeks.
 2. We are anticipating budget cuts for next year.
 3. We have a plan to raise \$80,000 for full day Kindergarten with Kindergarten Committee.
 - v. School Updates
 1. We applied for \$10,000 grant for the Library.
 - vi. Community Outreach
 1. Stacey and James are meeting with the new State Rep Ann Williams
 2. James will attend Alderman Tunney's Principals lunch
- VII. Budget and Purchasing
- a. Budget Allocations – See attached.
 - i. NCLB Transfer – No transfer this month.
 - b. Internal Accounts
 - i. Whiteboards – Principal Gray motions for a check for \$1,778 out of internal accounts, Esther seconds, motion passes 10-0.
- VIII. School Activities
- a. March Madness at Murphy's Bleachers – Sunday, March 20th 12-3pm
 - b. HAT Silent Auction – Saturday, April 9 at Wishbone Restaurant
- IX. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm (HAT meeting at 6pm) – LSC Meeting is cancelled as budget will not be available to review
- X. Other Business – Public Comments – none
- XI. Adjournment - Esther moves, Brent Seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Attendance:

Daniel Burke, Secretary

James Gray, Principal

Steve Hoffman

Aaron Baar

Esther Pullman

Stacey Paradis, Chair

Evan Makela
Brent Paige
Justin Clifford
Jordan Graham, Chicago News Cooperative
Tracy Hoffman
Yolanda Luna-Mroz
Carrie Strieter
Sarah Makela

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.