

LaSalle Language Academy

LSC Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2011

In Attendance: Jon Hicks (Co-Chair), Keith Thomas (Secretary), Bart Moy, Dan Conley, Janet Matos, Julie Waller, Sandra Lockhart and Elisabeth Heurtefeu

Absent: Tom Brennan, Candise Cho, Nancy Maniscalco, and Catherine Northup

The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm

Jon Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting, Seconded by Keith Thomas – passed unanimously.

Principal's Report:

Reviewed the new Common Core State Standards now mandated by CPS to test students with both CCSS and Scantron. New CPS Report Card being based on new Scantron results (as opposed to ISAT as had been used in the past). Reviewed results and compared to results for Lincoln, Franklin and Hawthorne.

Still no news from CPS Central Office on the 2012/2014 SIPAAA.

Reviewed Fall After-School Programs and school competitions.

Reviewed funds update with rollover of \$64,700 in Fund 225.

Discussed technology upgrades – I-Pads now in use in 6th grade. PTA has offered to use reserves to pay for 36 Toshiba Netbooks, new furniture and installation of video projectors. The Netbooks were ordered for 7th and 8th grades along with one cart and two projectors.

Chinese students scheduled to arrive November 28th and will stay for eight days.

The trip to Spain is scheduled for April 12-24. Ms. Heurtefeu will visit this partner school for the first time April 20-24.

Reviewed formal class visits by principal and assistant principal.

Responding to requests from teachers and volunteers, we are experimenting with having the 4th, 5th and 6th graders going to lunch before going out to recess.

Reviewed community and media events including:

President of Unicef Midwest came to the school on Halloween.

Dancing with LaSalle and Autumn Dance (7th-8th grade) were great successes, as was the Long Distance Classic.

The Scholastic Book Fair raised over \$10,000 in one week (first time ever).
High School Night rescheduled due to changes CPS made to the Tier system.
Five years of high school data to be published on CPS website. A survey is being conducted to better understand student and parent needs.

Reviewed school discipline report.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Jon Hicks to approve a payment of \$6,183.19 to Scholastic from the Library line in Internal Accounts (from Scholastic Fundraiser), seconded by Keith Thomas and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jon Hicks to approve a payment of \$5,256 to triumph Learning to cover ISAT prep books for science, reading and math) from workbook fees in Internal Accounts, seconded by Bart Moyand passed unanimously.

PPLC Report:

Reviewed minutes

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Report – Progress is being made on documenting guidelines for classroom volunteers. They are also researching outside consulting resources that may be available.

Principal Review – Will meet after the December LSC meeting.

Audience Introductions/Participation:

Old Business:

NONE AT THIS TIME

New Business:

Ms. Heurtefeu let us know that CPS is changing from US Bank to Chase.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm