

# LaSalle Language Academy

## LSC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2011

In Attendance: Tom Brennan (Co-Chair), Jon Hicks (Co-Chair), Keith Thomas (Secretary), Candise Cho, Bart Moy, Dan Conley, Sandra Lockhart, Janet Matos, Julie Waller, Nancy Maniscalco, Catherine Northup, Elisabeth Heurtefeu

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm

Tom Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, Seconded by Janet Matos – passed unanimously.

### Principal's Report

Ms. Heurtefeu gave a brief overview of the first week of school and upcoming events. Teachers went through professional development training over August 31 – September 2. The German students are back from a trip to Germany and Spanish foreign Exchange students just arrived on Friday. In honor of our triple anniversary year, we will be holding an event called "Dancing with LaSalle" held on the evening of October 20<sup>th</sup> and will be open to the general public.

The staffing positions are set with the exception of one half time bi-lingual spot. Enrollment for the year is at 577 students.

Minor flooding over the summer will force us to replace tile in four classrooms.

A "Pioneer Program" was established with CPS to give schools incentives to increase the length of the school day this year, before mandatory changes go into effect next year.

The school received a grant for 64 I-Pads that will go for use in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Eventually, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be paired with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to help them get acquainted with their use during the last 2011/2012 quarter.

Online posting of curriculum outlines is now done and the City has followed through on marking the crosswalks to remind drivers of the school zone.

Lastly, the principal reviewed funding needs for the next month.

Action Items:

A motion was made by Tom Brennan to authorize the allocation of \$6,000.00 from Fund 225 for the purpose of funding the 2011-12 math and reading school tutoring program, seconded by Keith Thomas and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Brennan to authorize a School Usage Permit for the event "Dancing with LaSalle" on the school playground on October 20, 2011 from 6:30 PM until 10:30 PM as requested by Friends of LaSalle, seconded by Candise Cho and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Brennan to authorize the use of the LSC Training Reimbursement Allocation of \$200.00 on a general ad hoc basis for such items as refreshments, training and education materials for the LSC, seconded by Nancy Maniscalco and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Brennan to approve the K-8 Scholastic Book Fair to be held between October 17-21, 2011, in the school library. Anticipated profits from this event will be approximately \$3,500.00 for the benefit of general library resources. The event is sponsored by June Andulcio, seconded by Catherine Northup and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Brennan to allocate funding from the workbook fees collected in the Internal Account for the purpose of remitting payment in the following amounts to the following vendors:

- \$4,902.53 to McGraw Hill
- \$2,430.12 to McGraw Hill
- \$5,453.15 to McGraw Hill
- \$2,993.17 to Scholastic, Inc.
- \$3,882.98 to Scholastic, Inc.
- \$2,492.90 to Follett's, Inc.

seconded by Keith Thomas and passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports:

CDC Report – Dana Levenson and Matthew Luskin reported that we have \$125,000 in cash and \$253,000 in pledges earmarked for the new building. The pledges technically end this year, but with all the changes in CPS we still don't have an answer on whether the building will be approved. CPS has arranged for a total cost projection to be completed by the end of the month.

Technology Report – A meeting is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

Academic Affairs Report – A meeting is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM

Grants Report – Paul Gustafson reported that they are working on a manual to outline the grant writing process and have a goal of applying for \$500,000 in grants for the upcoming year.

Audience Introductions/Participation

A statement was read by Julie Waller summarizing the decision of the faculty of LaSalle not to vote on the matter of joining the "Pioneer Program" to lengthen the school day yet this year. A lively discussion ensued with many teachers present in the audience offering their views on the issue.

Old Business:

NONE AT THIS TIME

New Business

NONE AT THIS TIME

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm