

Audubon Elementary Local School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2011 – 6:30 pm – Community Room

Call to Order 6:30 pm

Roll Call (LSC Members introduced themselves)

Members Present:

Phyllis (O'Hara) Ryan, Faculty Representative
Abby Levin, Staff Member
Barbara Kantrow, Parent Representative
Jill Bass, Parent Representative
Nick Hardgrove, Parent Representative, Secretary
Brendan Gilboy, Parent Representative, Vice-Chairman
Alex Pramenko, Parent Representative, Chairman
John Price, Principal

Members Absent:

Sarah Gallagher, Community Representative
Jody Ebstein, Faculty Representative
Maria Griffith, Parent Representative

Approval of Agenda

Principal Price moved that the Agenda be approved as amended, Phyllis Ryan seconded the motion.

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of May Minutes

Principal Price indicated that there was one error in the April minutes that ought to be corrected before being approved. (Change the word "Open" to "Closed" in the following sentence on page 2: "A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimous in favor of a *Closed* Campus.") Jill Bass moved to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2011 meeting, as Amended. Phyllis Ryan seconded the motion.

The Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Review of LSC Procedures

Chairman Pramenko indicated to the audience that participation at LSC meetings will be the same as it has in previous years:

- i. Agenda Item introduced
- ii. LSC discussion is had

- iii. Audience members who signed in to speak get 2 minutes.

At the end of the listed agenda items, audience members who have signed in to speak on non-Agenda topics get 3 minutes.

Principal Reports

2011/2012 Audubon Organizational Chart

Principal Price indicated that there were 12 significant issues with regard to the 2011/12 Org Chart:

1. This Organizational Chart is tentative.
2. The board has reduced our allotment of Special Education Classroom Assistants from 7 to 4. We are still trying to regain at least 2 of the 3 teaching assistants that we lost.
3. Preschool for All will remain for this school year, not yet known whether it will be 2 or 3 classes.
4. Full day Kindergarten will likely stay intact, as the feedback and participation has been great.
5. We will maintain the same organizational structure, the same number of divisions.
6. 5th through 8th will remain departmentalized.
7. Miss Lourdes Valenzuela will be moving from 2nd Grade to become Bilingual Coordinator.
8. Jiji is expanding to 1st Grade (now 1st-4th).
9. Miss Wallace is moving out of the city.
10. Sheila Danaher and Leslie Garrison will also be leaving Audubon.
11. Change in Technology Classes. Ms. Bowen will be teaching classroom technology, in addition to her role as Technology Coordinator.
12. If things stay as planned, then Ms. Flanigan may be able to teach Reading Intervention groups, and another teacher can fill in for her during her Math or Recess time.

2011/2012 Audubon School Budget

SGSA – State General Supplementary Aid is discretionary funding. The use of this funding needs to be voted on by the LSC. Also, CPS awards certain funding to ensure that schools have a minimal level of funding “minimum funding”.

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>
Per Pupil Rate (2011: \$5,845 per)	\$ 2,484,125	\$ 2,636,261 (25 more students)
SGSA Funding	\$ 165,000	\$ 153,621
Minimum Funding	\$ 52,000	\$ 81,000
FOA Donations	<u>\$ 160,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,000</u>
	\$ 2,801,125	\$3,030,882

Specials

We will continue to provide high quality specials:

Tech for 5th thru 8th
Spanish for 1st thru 8th
Jiji for 1st thru 4th
Science for K thru 8th
Music for Pre-K thru 5th
PE for Pre-K thru 8th

Classroom Size

Ideally, we are looking for 28 kids per class. The current Kindergarten class moving into 1st Grade is 59 students, with 2 students still on the waiting list (that missed last year's Kindergarten lottery). Currently we have allowed 3 siblings to join the Pre-K to K class, making the current class size as 26 kids per Kindergarten Class. There are still 3 siblings on the waiting list.

Programs Remaining / Expanding

ARS – RVN has donated \$30,000 for next year, program.
Advisory – we are increasing curricular support & the number of staff members
Walking math – we are considering an expansion into 3rd & 4th grades
Jiji – expanding to 1st grade
Redmoon Theater will remain a partner of Audubon

Early Intervention

Full time Bilingual Coordinator will help support students struggling with a language barrier to learning.

K – 2nd will still receive the most ARS support.

The Math Differentiation Specialist will also focus on assessment and RTI focus (Response to Intervention), to see if our strategies are working.

Non-scheduled specials time will be used for RTI. The entire staff will remain focused on RTU.

Prepare for the future

Introduce students to as much Spanish as we can.

Increase support for technology integration.

We have set aside funding for accelerated 5th grade math (the 5th graders will be working with a 6th grade book). The goal is to make 100% of our graduation 8th graders prepared for High School Algebra when they graduate from Audubon.

We are going to be working with a test prep company to help students prepare for the Selective enrollment High School test. (Company: Selective prep) Currently, if you live in Roscoe Village you can only lose 12 points (out of 900) if you want to get into Jones College Prep.

SGSA Funding Use

Principal asked that \$118,662 be used to reduce class size; \$24,848 be used to pay a parent office assistant; and \$10,111 be used to purchase Math materials.

Brendan Gilboy motioned that the proposed use of SGSA funds be approved. Phyllis Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

General Comments

Principal Price gave an update on the Breakfast in the Classroom program, indicating that we are still feeding slightly less students than before the BIC program was instituted.

Preliminary indications are that June jam may not meet the \$10,000 goal, which is a complete shame with the 2 to 3 months of preparation and the hundreds and hundreds of man-hours that go into organizing and preparing, and then ultimately putting on June Jam.

Committee Reports

High School Partnering Committee: there is a new principal at Lakeview High School: Lilith Warner.

Audience Participation

Ann Turner indicated that the Summer Reading Program is funded and will be rolling out this week.

Kathy Argentar indicated that the Grant Writing Team has submitted several bids (including some reading grants and a Build-a-Bear grant). We were also recognized by the Character education Partnership with a high profile (though non-monetary) award celebrating our "Unique Week".

ISAT's

Early returns are looking like we have 92% of our kids meeting or exceeding in Reading, 94% in math and 88% in Science (7th grade may be 100%).

We will probably meet the 85% threshold for receipt of the Blue Ribbon Commission's award.

July Meeting

A meeting was set for July 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Barbara Kantrow moved to adjourn, seconded by Phyllis Ryan. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08.