

**Newberry Academy – LSC Minutes**  
**6:30 PM 20-November-2006**

Attendance

- Council: Ward Miller, Beatriz Ponce de Leon, Karen Haasen, Wesley Parker, Louis Navas, Laura Cardiff, Marie Donovan, Larry Redmond, Patrick Cullen, Oliver Gugenheim
- Visitors: Janice Pacheco, Cynthia Mathews, Barbara Lopez, Linda Foley-Acevedo, Edward Collins

6:35 The meeting was called to order by chairperson Marie Donovan and introductions were made.

6:40 A motion was made to accept the September and October meeting minutes and they were accepted unanimously.

6:42 Comments regarding Principal Evaluation

- Cynthia Mathews read a letter endorsing Mr. Beaudoin. She drew attention to his commitment to working with parents and the entire community.
- Barbara Lopez also spoke to endorse Mr. Beaudoin. She particularly drew attention to Mr. Beaudoin's diplomatic skills and his work on the school's budget. She read a selection of characteristics that define excellence in principals and felt they all applied to Mr. Beaudoin.

6:50 Principal's Report

- 95.5% of parents attended the November 15 report card pick up.
- A copy of the updated budget was distributed.
- Agenda from the last two staff development days were distributed and discussed.
- A sample of the new school Collaboration Log form was distributed. Mr. Beaudoin is beginning to keep more formal record of the cooperative planning and sharing of responsibilities that teachers arrange.
- An article about forgiveness in education was distributed.
- Ward Miller requested that in the near future Mr. Beaudoin include a SIPAAA update in the principal's report.
- Beatriz Ponce de Leon also asked for an update about the curriculum mapping program. She also mentioned that she found the teachers' presentations at last year's council meetings very valuable. The council agreed that Marie Donovan should invite the teachers to make presentations at future meetings.

7:20 PTA Meeting Highlights from Mr. Navas and Barbara Lopez

- There was a discussion of the upcoming holiday bazaar.
- The PTA heard from a speaker on selective enrollment to high school. This is an eye-opening experience for many parents who are not aware of how the transition from grade to high school works.
- Former students from Newberry made presentations to current students on their high school experiences.

#### 7:30 Subcommittee Reports

- Budget: The Board has required all school accounts be handled through US Bank. The new accounts will allow for more electronic banking and less paper.
- Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Beaudoin has asked the Board to purchase the vacant land north of the school grounds to build a pre-school. He is going to meet with Alderman Vi Daley and an official from CPS to pursue this idea.
- Development & Outreach: This committee will meet in January.
- Friends of Newberry Report: An organizational meeting was held and officers were elected. A tab will be added to the Newberry web site describing the Friends organization.
- Newsletter & Communications: Karen Haasen distributed a draft of an update to the LSC page on the website. The council unanimously agreed to approve the updates. A discussion of whether or not we still need this committee. Karen agreed to chair the committee and was unanimously approved.
- Personnel Advisory: The board has approved a teaching assistant position for special education. This position is un-filled at the moment.
- PPLC: The committee must be re-formed as the terms of the representatives have expired.
- Principal Evaluation: We will be meeting at Depaul at 6:30PM on the December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7:55 Other

- Marie Donovan requested the LSC members email her with open dates in February and following months for advanced LSC training. Mr. Beaudoin suggested that Newberry teachers may be willing to teach some of the training lessons. The LSC unanimously agreed to pursue this option.
- Karen Haasen told a story about her daughter, a Newberry graduate who now attends Whitney Young. Her daughter was told by one of the counselors that in her experience Newberry students regularly do well in math.

#### 8:15 Public Comment

- Janice Pacheco asked for better attendance from the LSC at PTA and fund-raising events.

8:17 Meeting adjourned.