

**SY16-17 LSC Minutes**  
**Scammon School**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**Meeting Date: 8/24/17**

**Meeting Start Time: 8:00 a.m.**

**Location: Annex Room 300**

**I.** The **August 24th, 2017** Emergency Meeting of the Scammon Local School Council was called to order by the chairperson, Ms. Angelica Torres, at 8:20 a.m., in the Room 300 of the annex. A quorum was present.

**Members in Attendance:**

Angelica Torres, Parent Rep

Yolanda Toledo, ESP Rep

Antonio Torres, Parent Rep

Chris Zuniga, Teacher Rep

Rosibel Martinez, Parent Rep

Debra Parsons, Teacher Rep

Maria Torres, Parent Rep

Nettie Koster, Community Rep

Rosa Tenemaza, Parent Rep

Rich Catalan, Community Rep (absent)

Guadalupe Huerta, Parent Rep

**II.** A motion was made by Ms. Angelica Torres to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Koster and unanimously approved.

**III. Principal's Report:**

**New Business -**

**New Start and End Time** -Mr. Liberos reported that Scammon School will have a new start and end time to the school day for SY17-18. The new school day time will be from 8:00-3:00. He stated many concerns for changing the time from 7:45-2:45:

- Bus drop off at 7:45 causes congestion around the school.
- Multiple complaints re: traffic at 7:45.
- Allows food service staff 15 additional minutes to set up for breakfast in the a.m.
- Allows maintenance staff 15 additional minutes to clear ice and snow in the winter.
- Student tardy issues.
- Improve attendance.
- Educational benefits for later starting times - better for students.
- Other neighboring schools have later start times - Lorca 8:30, Intrinsic 8:30, Barry 8:15
- Network 1 advised an 8:00 start time.
- Teacher vote for 7:45 start time was informal and does not stand firm.

The LSC discussed this in depth. Some LSC members feel that starting the day 15 minutes later will have little or no effect on tardies, "students who are on time, will be here on time regardless." It was also mentioned that a 15 minute later start time will not have significant educational benefits. Other concerns raised by LSC members were that after school program times will be affected; it creates a hardship for some parents who have students to drop off at other locations; 15 minutes has a significant impact on neighborhood traffic; also concerns re: Schurz High School students wandering through Scammon grounds at 3:00 and the need for additional security after school. One LSC member stated that a 15 minute later start time would be advantageous for getting her child to high school.

Mr. Zuniga (LSC member and Union Rep) stated that he has received multiple complaints from teachers who voted at the end of the school year for a 7:45 start time. The vote results were sent to the Board of Education and the CTU and changing the start time could result in a teacher grievance. The majority of teachers voted for a 7:45 start time.

A motion was made by Ms. Angelica Torres to vote for a start time. It was seconded by Ms. Koster. The results of the vote were: 4 LSC members for a 7:45 start time; 7 LSC members for an 8:00 start time. Scammon's new school hours will be 8:00-3:00.

Mr. Liberos stated that supervision of the students on the Scammon playground will begin at 7:45 a.m. and that there will be adequate supervision after school as well.

**New Assistant Principal and Bilingual Coordinator** - Mr. Liberos introduced his new Assistant Principal, Ms. Jacqueline Barbara. Ms. Barbara's background includes five years experience as a teacher at Scammon and 2 years experience as a teacher in Wilmette. She holds a Master's Degree in Principalship. He also introduced his new Bilingual Coordinator, Ms. Nayla Hasan. Ms. Hasan's background includes fifteen years experience at Scammon. She is from Venezuela and holds two Master's Degrees in Math and Principalship. She is also endorsed in Science, Social Studies, Chemistry, Math, and Art, and is Nationally Board Certified, as well as, certified as an EL program teacher.

#### **Old Business -**

**Construction Update** - Mr. Liberos reported that many of the construction projects in the main building are not complete or meeting quality standards. He has been assured that the school will be complete by 8/25/17 but remains skeptical. The gym will not be completed for an additional week, repaving of the blacktop in the playground area will be on Saturday, August 26th. Teachers in the main building will have no entry over the weekend.

**Safety and Security** - The Board of Education has agreed to pay for two security officer positions.

**Uniforms** - Mr. Liberos proposed that Scammon t-shirts and pants be sold as a fund raiser. A motion was made by Ms. Koster to approve the fund raiser. It was seconded by Ms. Tenemaza and unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Public Comments:**

Teachers in attendance voiced their concerns regarding changing the start/end times. Most felt that the change would have very little educational benefit or show a significant improvement in tardy students. Some teachers felt that by starting the day at 7:45, breakfast is over by 8:00 and instruction can start at the top of the hour.

**V.** A motion was made by Mr. Zuniga to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Angelica Torres and approved by all. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.**

**The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, September 7th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Annex Lunchroom.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**These minutes were approved as read (corrected) on \_\_\_\_\_**