

Amundsen High School LSC Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6pm

Amundsen High School, 5110 N. Damen Ave.



MINUTES

1. Call to order- (6:01 pm)

2. Roll call

Name	Attendance
Kristi Eilers	Present
Bob Farster	Present
Sarah Makela	Present
Marla Williams	Present
Chanon DiCarlo	Absent
Katie Fearon	Present (Arrived at 6:05)
Esther Martinez	Present
Chris Pedersen	Absent
David Chinchilla	Absent
Mara Warman	Present
Carlie Hansen	Present
Edris Ayala	Present
Addison Hurley	Absent
Thomas Munoz Velasquez	Present

3. Approval of meeting agenda.

Sarah made a motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Marla. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public comment.

No public comments.

5. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2025.

Chanon made a motion to approve the minutes, Seconded by Chris. Approved with one abstention.

6. Internal Accounts and Spending Report.

Reggie Williams presented the November 2025 report.

7. Fundraising authorization.

a. Fundraising authorization best practices & new processes.

Sarah introduced a fundraising authorization procedure.

b. Authorization of participation in fundraising activities.

*AHS Varsity Cheer, selling spirit pom poms at basketball games, anticipated profit of \$100.00. Sarah made a motion to approve, Seconded by Mara. The motion passed unanimously.

*AFF, reach out to local business and community with different sponsorship levels to raise funds for athletic department projects, anticipated profit of \$7,000.00. Sarah made a motion to approve, Seconded by Mara. The motion passed unanimously.

*Softball Program, home run derby paying cash or through the website, anticipated profit of \$480.00. Sarah made a motion to approve, Seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

*Softball Program, car wash on April-May, anticipated profit of \$450.00. Sarah made a motion to approve, Seconded by Edris. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Principal Evaluation Planning.

Sarah explained the process to start the principal evaluation and the timeline to be completed next year before the renewal of the contract in April 2026.

9. Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) planning. Principal Eilers presented on behalf of Colleen Murphy who is the facilitator for the CIWP. The team meets four times in the mornings. Parents, teachers, and students meet to collaborate in the CIWP.

10. Reports.

a. Principal

Principal Eilers presented the report. See the report attached to this document.

b. Student

No report.

c. Professional Personnel Leadership Committee

Christian shared about doing a survey to identify main priorities.

11. New Business.

Esther asked about the Winnemac stadium and the proposal about potentially hosting a league and selling liquor.

12. Set agenda for next meeting.

Add to the agenda the 2026 LSC election.

13. Adjourn.

Mara made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Sarah. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:17 pm.

CIWP Team

Purpose:

- Create a clear plan to improve teaching, learning, and student outcomes at Amundsen High School
- Monitor progress together throughout the year
- Reflect, adjust, and plan for the next school year
- Partner with school leadership and the LSC to support strong implementation

Expectations:

- Collaboratively develop the school's CIWP ([Jan-April '26](#))
- Meet 4 times per year to monitor progress once established
- Meetings take place during the school day



LSC Principal Report

October 21, 2025

Celebrations

1a-Vision, Mission & Goals: Collaborates with the school community to set vision, mission and goals that reflect high expectations for every students
1c-Continuous Improvement: Leads continuous improvement processes, including tracking school goals and addressing areas of improvement
3b-Connectedness & Wellbeing: Creates a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff, and self

Viking Theatre Celebration: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* dazzled audiences with four outstanding performances.



Celebrations

STEM Fair: Thank you to our **Science Department** for an outstanding STEM Fair that showcased impressive student projects and presentations.



Celebrations

Winter Festival Concert: Thank you to our Music Department for an extraordinary concert that celebrated student talent, confidence, and joy.

Arts Achievement: Congratulations to our Amundsen artists whose work was selected for the School of the Art Institute of Chicago Senior Portfolio Exhibition, with multiple physical and virtual acceptances made possible through the incredible mentorship of our Arts Department.

Academic Decathlon: Congratulations to our Viking Decathletes for earning **2nd Place Overall** at the Lane Tech Academic Decathlon Scrimmage, with outstanding individual performances as they prepare for the CPS Round 1 Competition.

Celebrations

CPS CS Hero Recognition: Congratulations to Ms. Taylor for being featured as a CPS Computer Science Hero—an incredible honor and a testament to her impact on our students.



Staffing Updates

1a - 1d: Organizational Leadership – Oversees systems, structures, and processes for continuous improvement

We are excited to share that Amundsen is now fully staffed! 🎉

Athletics

1a-Vision, Mission & Goals: Collaborates with the school community to set vision, mission and goals that reflect high expectations for every student

3b-Connectedness & Wellbeing: Creates a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff, and self

3c-Systems and Structures: Effectively communicates and manages school logistics

Boys and Girls Basketball went 4-0 last week, with wins against Payton, Lincoln Park, Northside, and Mather!

Wrestling won 3 straight dual meets. In the Walther Christian and Kelly Tournaments, Bryce R., Peter M., and Jaxon Z. took 5th place. Milton F. and Jonathan T. both took 4th. Patrick B. took 3rd place. Alex M. took 4th (JV) and Julian C. took 2nd (JV). We have our next 2 meets at home on Tuesday 12/16 at 5pm and Monday 12/22 at 1pm

Two swim meet this week, Tuesday VS Roosevelt and Thursday VS Lincoln Park, a big conference dual meet. Saturday's meet in Portage Indiana was memorable!



Counseling Updates

2a: Courses & content – Ensures academic programming and curricula are culturally responsive, rigorously prepare students for academic and postsecondary success, and align to student and school needs.
2c: Systems & Structures – Effectively organizes and manages school logistics (communication, scheduling, space, procedures, etc.) to accomplish school goals and create a positive, inclusive school culture.

- Class of 2026: 3 Posse Recipients! DePawl University; Whitman College and University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Awarded PAPC Grant \$1750 for college exposure and impact work with our DL students
- Alumni Support CIs of 2025 & CIs of 2024: Above the district weekly goal for both classes on engagement and confirmation of post-secondary plan

Instructional Core

1. Organizational Leadership: Oversees systems, structures, and processes for continuous improvement
2. Instructional Core: Ensures rigorous and coherent curriculum, instruction and assessments aligned to the needs of every student
3. Climate & Culture: Ensures that organizational norms, routines and systems equitably promote the students' intellectual, social and emotional development
4. Talent: Ensures identification, development and retention of diverse talent and cultivates leadership

New courses scheduled to be added during SY27:

- AP Cybersecurity (Brand new AP course; meant for 11th and 12th graders)
- AP United States History (Pending approval; meant for 10th graders as alternative to DC)
- AP Precalculus (Replaces Honors Precalc for any student placed by the department)
- Dual Credit Business Entrepreneurship (Meant to complement existing course; provides students with opportunity for more early college credit)
- Dual Credit Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology (Pending approval; part of CP pathway)

Climate & Culture

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THANK YOU
Happy Holidays!!!