



here, family moves etc. Since first day of school, POLAHS has lost 15 students but gained 80 students.

- c. Absentee Rate: Rate is just under 5%, regionally for LAUSD the absentee
- d. rate is 12%.

V. Financial Report

*Eric Eisenberg*

- a. Authorization to submit letter of intent to the Port for building purchase per lease/options terms: POLAHS would like to exercise our option to purchase the building. Letter of intent is circulated.

Bradley motions to authorize submitting letter of intent to the Port, Fasani seconds.  
PASSED 12-0

- b. Adoption of Revised Budget: Budget has been revised several times since the last meeting. This budget accurately reflects our coming years. POLAHS bills are being paid with the general plans decided upon last month. No immediate cash flow issues. Our revenue and salaries have gone up, clerical and custodial support has gone up. Part of the revenue stream is from fund raising, based on last year's donations, we went with \$300,000.00. At the end of the year, POLAHS should end up with approximately \$32,000, we created a 5% reserve this year in the budget. Debt service is in the budget for \$29,000 per month.

Nelms motions to adopt the revised budget, Bradley seconds.  
PASSED 12-0

- e. Authorization to negotiate initial term sheet with Wells Fargo Bank: Negotiations only for construction financing, not for purchase financing.

Nelms motions to authorize negotiations and pay \$1,000 to forward with loan negotiations, Fasani seconds.  
PASSED 12-0

- d. Authorization to negotiate initial term sheet with NCB: (Regarding construction and purchase financing for the building). Finance Committee met with NCB today. The construction financing will be discussed in about a week, when they return with a letter of intent. POLAHS will pay \$1,000 to go forward with loan negotiations.

Nelms motions to authorize loan negotiations, Fasani seconds.  
PASSED 12-0

- f. Approval of Payment with Contractor: Finance Committee met with Curtis Ro, contractor from Atelier Development Company. Agreement with Curtis was formalized today, he will be carrying the financing for 6

- g. months. 12% interest, he pays 9.5% currently. We will pay him \$20,000 per month. In the worst case scenario, he has informally agreed to renew for an additional 6 months.

Bradley motions to approve payment agreement, Nelms seconds.  
PASSED 12-0

\*Dual signature policy has been enacted on all bills written from the school.

VI. Acting Principal Report

*Tom Scotti*

- a. Western Association of School & Colleges: Accreditation Process. In order for our students to be eligible for state and UC's we must have our courses be approved at the state levels. The WASC visit date is October 28<sup>th</sup> . We submitted our initial visit application one week ago. Tom Scotti commended for his efforts with the WASC application.
- b. Special Education: We have 22 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education students, and 21 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education students. 43 IEP students total. Students work with resource teachers to handle course work sufficiently. Many students have slight disabilities or accommodations and do quite well in the regular classrooms. Students also work with our school psychologist. All IEP assessments are up to date.
- c. English Language Learners: The majority of our ELL students are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (17 ELL students). We've tested these students and they will be tracked by our school counselor. Teachers are aware and are specifically trained to deal with ELL students.
- d. Mathematics Scores: Math scores are not very impressive, however, our very experienced team of new math teachers and the lowered teacher-student ratio will improve the scores. Students have finished the math diagnostic test and the school counselor has replaced students in various levels of math courses.
- e. Counseling: Lori Armas is the POLAHS counselor. We have 102 senior students, we have all students in their correct classes and on some kind of contract to graduate. We have approximately 22 high risk seniors, but they are set up in various extracurricular tutoring programs to help them make up courses so they will graduate in June. Progress reports for all students went out today. College application deadlines are November 30<sup>th</sup>, and every day the counselor is in homerooms helping students begin college applications online. POLAHS partners with the Boys and Girls Club

College Bound, case managers also ensure students have everything they need to complete their college applications. As far as the other classes go, students are in the courses they need to be in. LAUSD invites all high school in Los Angeles to the Convention Center for a large college fair. All of our students will be attending. Representatives from colleges explain funding options to students (financial aid/scholarships/grants/requirements).

VII. Public Comment: Christie Rochte has a son at POLAHS and is President of the Booster Organization. Alicia Sparks has a son in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and attended the meeting to listen and learn about the Board of Trustees.

VIII. Adjournment of Public Session by Townsend at 5:35 PM.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

I. Personnel Issues

**NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2008**