

L.S.C. MEETING MINUTES INTER-AMERICAN MAGNET SCHOOL
MINUTAS DE LA REUNIÓN DEL CONCILIO ESCOLAR LOCAL DE
LA ESCUELA INTERAMERICANA

el 17 de diciembre de 2013 / December 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Biblioteca/ Library, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave, Chicago IL 60613

Members Present: Principal: Dr. Diego Giraldo,; Parents: Rony Reyes, Lisa Vazquez, Sessy Nyman, Carla Shortino; Staff: Cynthia Ramos; Community: Jill Wohl, Margaret Aguilar

Members Absent: Parents: Ana Camino, Julie Grisalez,; Staff: Maty Rivera, Fran Feeley

Guests: Lisa Dallacqua (IAMS AP), Miryam Ramirez (IAMS admin), Nancy Perez (IAMS admin), Elsa Prieto (BAC), Alfredo Cosme (BAC), Elizabeth Romero (BAC)

Vice Chair Jill Wohl called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. She asked Carla Shortino to be temporary secretary.

Jill noted at the top of the meeting that last month Margaret Aguilar was correct in stating that the agenda cannot be changed at the top of the meeting to add action items to vote on without 48 hours notice. This is a key part of a governing body being accountable and transparent per the Open Meetings Act. Jill suggested putting the item (a FELE fundraiser) on the January agenda and formally voting on it again, so correct procedure is followed.

Cynthia moved to approve the agenda, Dr. Diego seconds, motion passes unanimously. Jill moved to approve minutes from the November meeting, Carla seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Reports and committees

- ✓ Principal's Report:
 - Dr. Diego Giraldo distributed his monthly report in the context of the 5 Pillars (see attached).
- ✓ Budget Report:
 - Nancy Perez apologized for not getting the summary balances and fund reports to the Council as directed.
 - A training for a smaller Budget Committee was held Dec. 11th. This is part of the continuation of budget committee/training sessions to advise principal – we need to develop a plan or structure for continued sessions (i.e., Opening and closing of positions, How to move money from one fund to the next, How to fulfill the needs for

the following year to maintain staff positions, is a formal presentation of the budget to the community required, Where is the money, How will it be spent, How much money will go to which positions? Etc.).

- Sessy suggests members plan to be more intentional with specific questions and examples for the remaining trainings.
 - There is ongoing concern that to fully fund SY13, we will not have enough in reserves to start SY14 properly. The smaller committee will tackle this. The group discussed the process for the smaller committee to digest and share information with the entire council and school community.
 - April should begin budgeting for the following year.
- ✓ PPLC Report
- Teachers are continuing work on documenting the curriculum of the Americas to better inform staff and parents, etc.
- ✓ Bilingual Advisory Committee
- Citywide meetings are not as useful to the committee since most schools focus on TBE (Transitional Bilingual Education) getting students to learn in English. At Inter-American, we have two language learners, students learning English and students learning Spanish. The BAC feels it can get more out of working more closely with the LSC. Therefore, meetings moved to hour before LSC in order to report BAC progress and be able to discuss together.
- ✓ FELE – Families En La Escuela -- No report
- ✓ School Improvement - CIWP
- Revision in progress, no current changes.
 - The group discussed involvement of the parent community, and to model after previous years by having meetings in various parts of the city to better include parents who live all over the city and have a hard time getting to and parking in Wrigleyville during evenings and weekends.

Public Participation -- None

New Business -

- ✓ The group again discussed that items to be voted on cannot be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.