

LSC Special Meeting
October 29, 2013 6:00 p.m.
IAMS Library 851 W. Waveland, 3rd Floor Chicago, IL

Members present: Dr. Diego Giraldo, Cynthia Ramos, Margaret Aguilar, Jill Wohl, Carla Shortino, Lisa Vazquez, Fran Feeley

Members absent: Julie Grisalez, Maty Rivera, Sessy Nyman

Guests present: Miryam Ramirez, Nancy Perez, Lisa Dallacqua

Ana Camino called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Ana moved to amend the agenda to add "Approval of Fiesta Cultural" and "Art in the Schools Committee" fundraising. Jill seconded. Passed unanimously.

There was no public participation.

I. Budget Amendment

Dr. Diego Giraldo presented a budget amendment based on CPS cutting \$47,586.44 in 225 (SGSA) funds based. CPS requires us to balance the budget by Oct. 31st.

Dr. Giraldo proposed eliminating one parent worker position, some supplies and services, and restructuring funding of another parent worker position. The restructured funding is to tackle an approximately \$6000 budget gap, so the proposal is to split funding for this position between 225 and 124 fund lines. This will make up the difference and balance the budget. HR will let us know which member of our personnel has the least seniority ("last in first out") who will be affected by the budget cut.

The council discussed the proposal. Ana Camino noted that Dr. Giraldo spent many, many hours trying to minimize the impact of the cuts. Jill noted that we can still advocate at the network and district level as there were multiple issues with the applications for free and reduced lunch this year. For example Nancy Perez reported that numerous families did not fill out the form correctly and others refused to provide a Social Security number – both of which reduced our low-income percentage. There were corrections but most of them occurred after the 20th day so, it didn't impact the funding situation in our favor. Margaret noted that this also forms the basis for an argument to expand our busing boundaries to attract more low-income Spanish dominant families to the school.

Ana moved to amended the budget as proposed by Dr. Giraldo. Margaret seconded. Sadly, it is unanimous.

II. Fundraising proposals

Fran moved to approve the "Original Works" fundraiser to raise money for Arts in the School. Lisa seconds. Motion passed unanimously and Ana Camino signed the paperwork. Last year this earned \$400 for Arts in the School.

The wording on the Fiesta fundraiser paperwork was modified to align with what the LSC approved at the regular meeting. Fiesta is Nov. 16, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.