

IAMS LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

To improve communication between the school and community, FELE brings you these highlights of the November Local School Council meeting. The official LSC minutes will be approved at a future LSC Meeting and will then be posted and available in a binder in the office.

ACADEMIC UPDATES

Literacy Strategies – To help students take ownership of literacy comprehension strategies, our teachers created a common literacy vocabulary for all grade levels and posters with visual symbols for the new vocabulary. The posters will help students make connections with the literacy concepts, especially when teachers are talking in the child's developing language. The teachers also created posters for "peace place" rules and students' rights and responsibilities. Look for the posters at report card pick up.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) defines school performance based on the attainment of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets. Illinois assesses AYP based on schools' state test scores in reading and mathematics. Our English Language Learner and Hispanic students did not meet AYP targets last year. So, IAMS faculty is working hard to increase and protect instructional time in order to improve test performance.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) – PAC is required by Title I and will serve as the planning forum between the administration and IAMS parent group leaders. At the first meeting, every school/parent group agreed to develop a one page description of their mission and goals.

Bilingual Advisory Committee (BAC) – New Chair, Dulce Ayala, will be at Report Card Pick Up to introduce herself. First meeting Dec. 1 at 9AM - Red Lunch Room.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Rollover Funds and Copy Budget – IAMS received \$40,451 in annual rollover funds from CPS which will be used to replace the textbook budget line reduced in October to save a teacher position. CPS released IAMS' copy budget: \$7,444.08 for copiers w/service and \$8,050 for copy paper per year.

LSC Funds – LSC approved use of its \$400 budget for school marketing materials.

Fundraisers - LSC approved: (1) 5th grade Aztec Market - December 16 - for a Chinatown fieldtrip; (2) BAC movie days - starting November 19 - for Dia del Nino; (3) 7th grade "Lights for Learning" compact fluorescent sales for Indiana Dunes trip; and (4) 8th grade bake sale – November 17 – for general student assistance.

Next Monthly LSC Meeting: Wednesday December 8, 2010 at 6PM at IAMS