

IAMS LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

To improve communication between the school and community, FELE brings you these highlights of the October 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

First Semester IAMS Family Nights – October 21 (Literacy) and December 2 (Science). A different IAMS parent group will host a potluck each family night from 5-6pm. There will be a \$1 suggested donation.

Second Language Acquisition – Teachers have reconstructed the school's standards for second language acquisition in all grade levels for reading, writing and listening. When parents come to report card pick up, teachers will address each child's goals and progress in his or her second language development.

Response to Intervention (RTI) – This is a new special education mandate from the district. Students struggling in reading or math receive extra teacher instruction three times per week, and the other students have reading buddies during this time. At report card pick up, teachers will inform parents if a child is in the RTI program.

Special Education – Our principal and Special Education Team has developed a rubric for evaluating Individual Education Plans (IEP) and is giving weekly feedback to the Special Education Team on one IEP per week, as the state is observing IAMS.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Student Fees – \$31,450 has been collected from 301 students, but the school needs another \$20,000 for student math book purchases. LSC approved use of the funds as follows: copying - \$9,030.35; supplies - \$4531.20; workbooks - \$3945.30; specials materials - \$3,148.55; fieldtrips - \$10,442.25; lockers - \$640; and graduation \$2,100. The office will contact all parents who have not paid or sought a fee waiver.

PRINCIPAL ADVOCACY WITH CPS CENTRAL OFFICE

Transportation – seeking a waiver for our students living beyond the 6 mile radius to use existing bus service. Affected families continue to use our buses pending this decision.

Lottery - meeting with Office of Academic Enhancement to discuss problems with centralized lottery system, namely potential to add too many applicants to the pool and make language information collection impossible.

Testing – seeking a reduction of tests and changing tests for special education students to a voice activated method to save instructional time.

Next Monthly LSC Meeting: Wednesday November 3, 2010 at 6PM at IAMS