L.S.C. MEETING MINUTES
INTER-AMERICAN MAGNET SCHOOL
MINUTOS DE LA REUNIÓN DEL CONSEJO LOCAL DE LA ESCUELA INTERAMERICANA

22 de febrero de 2012 / February 22, 2012, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Biblioteca/ Library, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave

LSC Members Present: Dr. Vernita Vallez, Karen Barbour, Ana Camino, Jose Torres, Lucia Morales, Margaret Aguilar, Johnny LaSalle, Cynthia Ramos, Luis Vera (arrived at 6:15)

LSC Members absent: Marisol Morales, Monica Arce, Vivian Vasquez

Others present: Jennifer Goolsby, Ernesto Martinez

1. **Karen called the meeting to order 5:20.**
2. **Karen**
    a. **Minutos –** 1-18-12 – tabled for next meeting (no quorum at this time).
3. Audience Particpation:

    a. Ana read a text from Marisol asking us to share issue relating to an incident involving Jose Garcia's daughter. Dr. Vallez stated that she will address this issue in her principal's report.

4. **Informes** / Reports
    a. **Informe de la directora /** Principal's Report (see attached for more details)
        1. Mr. Feeley's award. One of 5 in the district. We are lucky to have him here!
        2. Writing curriculum being aligned to Common Core Standards. Vertical alignment of this process will be ready to implement next year.
        3. Visitors from Japan.
        4. Protocol for contacting parents about and dealing with injuries. Only able to do what they can do because CPS cut the full-time nurse position. Hopefully parents will communicate their concerns to central office.
        5. Discussion about use of Facebook/Social media to threaten children, either by adults or children. Letter going home was shared with LSC.
        6. Technology survey – seeking teacher input to make sure that teachers are purposeful with their requests
        7. Parking Garage – still pending, hopefully Cubs upcoming season will push the process along
    b. LRE – already covered
    c. PPLC – Ms. Ramos shared that they had meeting the second week of January. More participation from teachers and a good discussion.
    d. SIPAAA – no word yet from central office; still waiting to hear about the process.
    e. **Presupuesto/**Budget

* Nancy has been absent since her surgery. Back as of today, but no time to get reports ready. Internal

accounts for December, January, February will ready at the next meeting.
* Rollover Funds 124 received $33, 493. If we use this money to pay for items that were originally budgeted to come out of internal accounts. This will create more freedom for internal funds later, especially important given that our parking lot funds are limited this year. Specific breakouts of dollar amounts will be provided at the next meeting. Karen made motion to use rollover funds to pay for Curriculum of the Americas materials (that was already budgeted in internal accounts) and engineer costs (that were already paid through fees charged to the group using the facility on Sundays). Jose seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

* Dr. Vallez requested approval for $5000 for the sub bucket (to cover classrooms and to help with supporting teachers during assessments. Need more money for supplies (toner, paper, etc..) Asking for $3000 for supplies. Actual costs for Playworks 23, 500 not the $23,000 originally thought. Karen made a motion to use money from internal accounts for the following: $5000 for sub bucket, $3000 for supplies and $500 for Playworks.. Ana seconded. Vote carried unanimously.

f. PAC - nothing

g. BAC - nothing

h. **Evaluación de la directora/**Principal Evaluation Subcommittee -Electronic forms have been sent out to parents and teachers, and paper copies are in boxes ready to go home. There was a mistake on teacher surveys, but the mistake has been corrected. Deadline for all survey returns is March 5, 2012. Next meeting of subcommittee is March 8 at 5:00 at school. Will be a closed meeting, as survey results will be discussed.

6. **Otros Informes/**Other Reports

a. SEP – 3 meetings – 15 de marzo es la siguiente reunión pero se tendrá que cambiar según el señor que va a presentar y cuando él está disponible.

b. FELE - nada

c. **Comité del Bienestar**/Wellenss Committee - Discussed plans for outdoor learning spaces. This will be a long-term project. Wellness is requesting to be a part of SIPAAA development. Dr. Vallez is aware that they want to be involved, and this will depend on process as outlined by CPS. Will be included if possible. Karen asked if Playworks was still a Wellness priority. Ana shared that the discussion needs to be brought up at some point. Dr. Vallez said that it is too early to even discus this, given all the changes coming from CPS and the lack of budget information. So many other variables are not yet decided. Julie Grisalez wrote fresh fruits and veggie grant. Dr. Vallez is working to get Dr. Brizard's signature, and then that will be sent in.

7. **Asuntos anteriores** / Old Business

a. **Aprobación del Uso de la escuela - none**

b. Estacionamiento/Parking Lot already covered.

8. **Asuntos nuevos** / New Business

a. Dr. Vallez habló de alguien que mandó textos pidiendo participación en un equipo de fútbol, pero no era nada aprobado por la escuela. Ella ni sabe quien fue. Tiene que ser que alguien consiguió números de la escuela. Va a avisar a todos los padres de esta situación.

b**. Particpicación del público por teléfono/**Audience participation by phone – hablamos de que no estamos en contra, pero no podemos resolver las dificultades de tecnologia. Mas vale que se entrega en forma escrito y alguien lo lee. Tendriamos que investigar una forma de hacerlo, Nunca se ha hecho y nunca hemos tomado el voto antes. Ana hizo la moción para dejar las cosas como son – y no dejar que

participen por telefono el publico, no por no querer, sino por no tener la tecnologia adecuada por ahora. Johnny lo segundó. Vote carried unanimously.

c. Comunicación del foro de candidatos para CEL/ LSC candidate forum communication – Dr. vallez va a a mandar algo a la escuela.

d. **Aprobación de recaudar fondos -** Jennifer Goolsby shared information. Rock the Casa raised at least about $9,000. Not final because missing credit card money. This will be an annual event for wellness. Explained fundraiser for Fiesta Cultural, April 14. Money going to benefit Curriculum of Americas. $15, 566 last year. Going to charge $5 per person/$10/family. Hoping for a profit of $15,000. FELE may hold back 10% (90% to school)to build up FELE pot. Fundraising committee creating an opportunity to donate in big chunks to cover several events. (fiesta cultural and second benefit).. Karen made the motion to approve the fundraiser for Fiesta Cultural. Johnny seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Tech Gala. IAMS Benefit and Auction – Tech Gala. School get 90% to school, 10% goes to FELE. Always June 2, at Mexican fine arts. Ticket prices going up. One for Open Bar and one for non-alcoholic option. Need to pay for insurance. Presenting a new award – Eva Helwig outstanding commitment to IAMS. Her husband will get award this year. Process will be created for following years. Hoping for $40,000 for technology – technology in the classrooms (linked to staff survey) and discretionary supply fund for other technology supplies. Karen made the motion to approve IAMS Benefit and Auction as described. Margaret seconded. Vote carried unanimously.
Karen made motion to clarify both fundraisers as 90% for school, 10% for FELE pot to build their treasury. Johnny seconded. Vote carried unanimously.

8. **Participación del público**

* Ernesto Martinez… varias preguntas;;; No recibio respuestas a las preguntas que hizo la última vez…. 1) Qué ha pasado con el transporte? 2) Qué pasa con la información ?– con un grupito nada mas. No sabia de la ultima reunion y como se canceló. No se comunicó en forma más grande. 3) Playworks… todos los iniciativos con playworks bonito pero el CEL no ha hecho ninguna moción sobre 4to grado… 4) preoucpaciéon de la directora, y como está esperando traducción. Porque tiene que pedir traducciones, si es una escuela bilingue… no debe de depender de un padre. Ella misma debe de ser capaz.

Cynthia clarifico que Dr. Vallez no esta dicienco que no tiene la capacidad. El tono del comentario que hizo Mr Martinez parece que refiere a una incapacidad.

Dr. vallez le enseno el reporte de enero en cuanto a la respuesta que si ya habia dado del transporte.

Karen contestó de la salud de su mamá el efecto de esta situación a la úlitima reunión de CEL. Aunque todo no fue hecho perfecto, no hubo ninguna mala intención. Solo tenía que ver con una crisis médica de un miembro de familia.

* Luis shared an anonymous letter from a parent. 1) concern about communication regarding cancellation of last meeting 2) complaint that meeting was rescheduled for a holiday, Ash Wednesday 3) concerns about phone participation 4) wants release of last year's principal evaluation.

Karen made motion to close session adjourn at 7:30 pm Margaret seconded. Vote carried unanimously.