

LSC Meeting Minutes... Feb 9, 2011

Present: Monica Arce, Cynthia Ramos, Jose Torres, Cliff Meece, Luis Vera, Marisol Morales, Vernita Vallez, Karen Barbour, Margaret Aguilar

Absent: Ana Camino (death in family), Hugo Escobar,

Community Members: Dulce Ayala, Karla Rodriguez, Michael Fisher , Mark Smithivas, Vivian Vasquez,

Luis called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm.

Minutes: LSC minutes are in a google drop box. During the meeting, Cliff sent an invitation into that "box" so that everyone can access those minutes. Additionally, Cliff sent an e-mail with all of the missing minutes. In November, October minutes, were approved, but we are not sure exactly which October meeting was approved. Luis instructed everyone to read all minutes and be ready to make changes/adjustments and approve minutes on March 2 for the following meetings: July 2, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 4, Oct 28, Nov 3, Dec 15, Jan 5 and Feb 9.

Audience Participation: none

Principal Report (see attached report for more details):

- Ipad grant application approved; more details to follow
- Parent-teacher communications and conflict resolution workshop was a success; guidelines for meetings were created; Dr. Vallez shared the hope for a follow-up session
- Professional Development: Strategy-based literacy instruction; teachers pairing up across grade levels and conducting inquiry research; will plan lesson with peer coaching; PM money and Professional Development money covering teacher stipends and substitutes; exciting to watch teachers take initiative; starting after ISAT's
- Vivian Vasquez new LSC member after March board meeting
- Quorum is now 7 as of January 1st – Dr. Vallez got clarification on this point, even though Vivian not officially seated until after March CPS board meeting
- ISBE auditor here all week; hopeful to be moving out of category that requires extra ISBE monitoring
- RtI – materials purchased, using time to meet differentiated needs of kids; piloting intervention materials and assessments this coming semester; reading buddies still a part of RtI – teachers working through benefits and challenges of reading buddies, and problem-solving when needs arise
- Staff Changes – Bus Aide, recess/lunch supervisor – Welcome Ms. Doran
- Have 3 student teachers from Loyola and Northeastern Illinois University

- Bus Coaches- attempt to embrace the responsibility for behavior on school buses; teachers volunteering: safety , respect and bus habits. Busses all have seating charts and trying to implement more organization. It is a challenge. Discussion about how bus discipline issues on the bus are handled.
- Internal Accounts Audit – 1) Bookkeeping errors – some Dr. Vallez took responsibility for as personal errors, and have already been taken care of. 2) Some accounts can't have checks written out of them. Need to move money to a budget line item. 3) Need to use teacher receipts rather than a payer's list for collections greater than \$10/child. 4) Person who picks up money only comes on Thursdays... or need to send Nancy to the bank... sometimes causes long lag time for deposits , trying not to send someone with large amounts of money to the bank alone (sometimes up to \$5000 at a time) 5) All errors/discrepancies/mistakes are being addressed. All problems were identified as being “minor” and Dr. Vallez will be submitting a report to the auditor and she will give LSC copies of that report.

PPLC – Professional Development on Feb 18. Multi-cultural education within our school. Topics of celebrations/traditions.

SIPAA – last meeting; teachers did current status of where we are. Need a committee. Dr. Vallez will set up a committee.

Budget – Nancy working on internal report. Funding profile for next year still not out.

PAC - Organizational meeting happened. Official election on Jan 20. New board members elected. Michael Fisher is President of PAC, Karla Rodriguez, Vice-President, Dulce Ayalaya, Secretary and Nancy Zwick cluster meeting rep . Area 2, cluster 1 meeting hosted at IAMS here. Pamela Price contemplating using IAMS as cluster hub and holding all meetings here next year. Supportive staff, physical location and bilingual, positive climate all contributed to this appreciation of IAMS. Even with bad weather there was good attendance. Feb 1 next meeting

BAC – Movie on Jan 14 not a great turnout. Feb 18 next movie. Hoping to get a better turnout. Going to try 2 Spanish and 2 English movies to see if language will make a difference. Meeting on Feb 8. Natividad, who works for Frida Kahlo organization. Was there and she presented on workshops that they do, some free and some at minimal cost. They will be coming on March 7 and April 6 free for a cancer prevention seminar , 9:30 – 11:00 am. March 22 next BAC meeting at 9:30 am. Cost Co gave \$50 gift card for each movie to help pay for food items that would be sold so there was more profit.

Upper Grades Committee – they are sponsoring next family night. Money collected from last family night going to them to help defer cost.

SEP – meeting scheduled for last Thursday. Cancelled due to blizzard. Needs to be rescheduled sometime after March 1st

FELE – 1) dates for fiesta cultural – Sat, April 30. Hard to schedule because of Cubs. Already met for initial planning, but they need more bodies. Pretty much the same as last year. Getting rid of auction – not enough of return. Moving auction to second event, more parent focused ; money for arts in school, wellness committee, RtI funds

2) Celebrating school's 35th anniversary – school community – trying to get major donors, corporate community – Sat, June 4th – Mexican American Fine Arts Museum – use of facilities is for free... Higher ticket prices (probably around \$50 or more, live music, keynote speaker or VIP, venue can hold 150 people, want to attract alumni, working with teachers/staff to identify who to invite... alums come back and talk about how school touched them? Founding mothers? Money earned towards technology – computers

3) Puma newsletter deadline – Feb 14 deadline... all newsletters will be electronic; can pay for hard copy; concern about access for all, but money is tight and can't afford to keep printing in quantity

4) Monica voiced the importance of inviting the entire IAMS community to participate in the planning of our 35th anniversary celebration as well as having it held on school grounds in the effort to make it more inclusive. She expressed her desire to have 2 separate events, one that specifically celebrates this cornerstone of our history and another FELE fundraiser which uses the “theme” of the 35th anniversary.

Motion made by Karen to approve both LSC fundraisers as outlined above. Seconded by Luis. Vote passed unanimously.

Principal Evaluation –

Sub-committee formed today and officially charged by LSC to create timeline for principal evaluation process. All voting will take place in larger LSC. Plan is to have first subcommittee meeting this coming Feb 23rd at Center for Halsted at 6:30 pm. Portions of meeting might need to be closed, and we will need to have a special LSC meeting after the subcommittee meeting so that voting on the timeline can happen. All LSC voting will take place in open meetings.

Move that LSC charge a subcommittee for principal evaluation. Luis made motion and Monica seconded. Passed unanimously. Cliff nominated Marisol as chair. Luis seconded. Vote carried unanimously. Cliff nominated Karen as co-chair. Luis seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

Agenda for subcommittee meeting will include survey discussion/changes/modifications and timeline planning. LSC meeting will take

place afterwards to vote on these two items. A quorum of 7 LSC members will be required to take this vote. Karen agreed to create agendas for both meetings, and will confirm with Ana to post these agendas.

Secretary position – Cliff has resigned as recording secretary. Cliff nominates Karen for recording secretary and Margaret seconded. Vote carried unanimously. Ana will continue as corresponding secretary (posting communications) and Karen will take minutes and create agendas.

LSC Member Eligibility - We had a discussion about Hugo's attendance. While there was discussion about removing him, it was noted that we need to have official minutes approved that document the attendance concerns. In the meantime, Luis will contact Hugo to discuss his commitment to serving as an LSC member. Possibly have to take actions to remove him at next meeting. Monica said not only about being at meetings, but doing other tasks and stepping up...

Other Old Business – 1) Monica said agendas need an end time and try to adhere to an end time. 6:00-8:00. 2) Monica also brought up a fundraiser for 8th grade. Already approved. 8th grade doing concert and valentine's day dance. They want a contract. 8th grade in serious need for more money. Way short on money at this point.

New business:

Technology expenditures; postponed until a later date.

Breakfast in the classroom- already have universal breakfast...Cliff asked to have it addressed in next principal reports...

Audience participation.... None

Luis moved to adjourn the meeting and Marisol seconded. Vote carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 8:40.