

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

**2 de marzo de 2011 / March 2, 2011, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Oficina/ Office, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave**

PRESENT: Luis Vera, Margaret Aguilar, Jose Torres, Karen Barbour, Vernita Vallez, Ana Camino, Monica Arce, Cynthia Ramos, Cliff Meece

ABSENT: Marisol Morales

GUESTS: Vivian Vasquez, Mark Bishop, Nancy Zwick, Margo Gordon, Nancy Perez, Marta Quiroz, Marta Mornier, Argelia Chavez

1. Luis called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Brief introductions were made.

2. Audience Participation

* Nancy Zwick, chair of Wellness Committee, began by explaining the function of the Wellness Committee. They are currently part of FELE, and wanted to shed light on the exciting opportunities that are available in Chicago and can be brought to our school. Contemplating asking to be an LSC group, rather than a FELE group. They focus on community building through healthy eating and exercise, and want to be more highlighted. Asking for a bigger voice and wanting a structure under LSC so they report directly to LSC. Playworks is piloting with us and we can spotlight our school as a model for northside schools in the area of wellness.

* Mark shared new information on SIPPAAA. Mark works for “healthy school campaign” as vice-president, working at a federal and local level and is a member of the IAMS Wellness Committee. Currently in process of SIPPAAA review Jan -March. CPS added a category called Student Health and Wellness to SIPPAAA with a template attached. Wants LSC to know about this category, and chance for IAMS to spotlight great things that are happening. Template is merely suggestions, and individual schools can rewrite them. Mark stated that it seems unlikely that many schools will amend their SIPPAAA plans this year, but has great hopes that these goals will be added in the 2012 SIPPAAA plans.

* Cynthia asked for more clarification on what the Wellness Committee was working on, and Nancy shared the following: Wellness Committee successes: 1) improving recess – making it a more meaningful part of the kids’ days; 2) nutrition group working on healthy eating options in cafeteria and in classrooms (and addressing problem areas, such as using food as reward); 3) fundraised and bought a shed to store recess equipment; 4) painting blacktop to bring back more games; 5) indoor recess – dance program is a work-in-progress; 6) working on grants to get more money in our school for Wellness related activities because monies are available currently; 7) Bringing Playworks to pilot at our school;

8) established a Google list to keep everyone involved, lots of dialogue that is interesting and informative; 9) they have a future goal is to bring back more time to recess . Their next meeting is March 15 in the morning, but might reschedule to accommodate teachers who would like to participate.

3. Approval of minutes

The following meeting minutes were reviewed: Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 4, Oct 28 and Nov 3. Changes/deletions/additions were noted for each set of minutes.

Luis made a motion to approve minutes as amended from Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 4, Oct 28, and Nov 3. Margaret seconded. Vote carries unanimously.

Margaret found a copy of July 2 minutes, which Karen will type up and send out, so they can be approved at the next meeting. Approval of minutes for Dec 15, Jan 9, Feb 9, and Feb 23 has been tabled to the next meeting. It was noted that we got through the most laborious sets of minutes, and the rest should not require as many amendments. All LSC members should come ready with changes so that these minutes can be approved efficiently.

4. Reports

a. Principal's Report (see attached)

- ISAT prep happening, but not all day. Students have been learning and preparing all year.
- Family Math Night
- Curric. of Americas Night, May 12, 2011. Hosted by all parent groups. Will need to put this on LSC agenda for April.
- Sones – great afternoon, and over \$4000 raised. Need LSC to formally thank Sones.
- Staff development – see attachment; outcome- creating a school-wide philosophy around multi-cultural education
- Communications Work Group – Creating Compact Document, Middle-school students will give feedback to draft and LSC member should go on-line to Mr. Feeley's website and give their feedback.
- Computer lab – about \$400/computer to upgrade donated computers.
- Internal Account Exception Report. Written response to these errors attached to this report.
- No internal accounts here because of other pressing budget issues and bank statement received only yesterday. Dr. Vallez noted that LSC meetings early in the month make it difficult to get internal accounts reports ready due to fact that the statement actually just arrived.
- BIC – one of the last areas to roll out Breakfast in the Classrooms. Met with Mark and talked with person at district level. Will have a more complete report on this next month.

b. LRE – no report

c. PPLC -in principal's report

d. SIPPAAA – They have been working on conducting the review with the staff and determining the current status with staff. Dr Vallez indicated that the Wellness goals in SIPPAAA would need to be addressed next year because adding these goals would require opening up the entire process at this point, which would be a lot of extra work. She did indicate that the

work being done by the Wellness Committee can move forward without needing to amend the SIPPAAA.

e. Budget – see above

5. LSC standing committee reports

a. PAC –Dulce and Michael are going to national meeting in oak brook. Asking for translation typesets with PAC money. Two upcoming meetings: April 7 and May 6 at 9 am, cancer awareness presented by the Frida Kahlo Organization. Jose Luis Orozco May 19 coming day before we celebrate day before dia del nino. Day and night performance PAC paying for it. Ocean Annie May 2 (talks to kids about caring for ocean) and doing a performance in the evening. Co-sponsored by PAC and field trip funds coming to school.

b. BAC – Next movie march 18 – How to Train Your Dragon, pending Ms. Gallo’s approval. Need volunteers for supervision. It was noted that there was not enough supervision this last month.

c. Upper Grades Committee – no report

6. Other Committee Reports

a. SEP -canceled due to snow. Need to reschedule

b. FELE – Need more translating parents, lost parent coordinator. Monica suggested asking Rosario for list of parent volunteers. . Jose offered to help. Monica and Mrs. Quiroz offered to help with editing. New website is amazing. Thanks to Ana Maria Acosta, Santiago Acosta and Cliff Meece for hard work getting an awesome website up and running.

7. Old Business

a. Principal Evaluation Timeline

* Did survey get sent to legal?

* We never got copies of changes – Ana will e-mail Marisol to check on status. We will get 24 hours to review.

* Luis motioned to approve Tentative Principal Evaluation Timeline. Ana seconded. Vote carries unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Student Fees (see attached document) – Dr. V. has proposed 2011-2012 student fees. Originally decided to institute student fees to reduce Nancy’s weekly workload of counting money by having families pay for many items upfront. Also needed student fees to cover costs that were not covered in reduced CPS budget (all moneys were going to staff teaching positions.

* For upcoming school year, reduced fees are being proposed because many items are now in line items. Hope is that this will be more reasonable for families, and it is also hoped that this will get us to a greater percentage of participation by asking for less money. \$15 classroom fees will include \$5 for classroom teacher as well as yellow communication folders, agendas and materials for specials teachers, as this is nowhere in the budget.

* If parent needs waiver, they can turn it in and be granted a waiver.

* Monica expressed desire to put in budget money for more teacher discretion spending.

* A discussion ensued revolving around the desire to ask for additional donations on the student fee

from. CPS guidelines were discussed as well as Dr. Vallez saying she is not comfortable asking parents to donate to particular teacher. Much more comfortable asking for donations by grade level. Will need to keep track of all money.

*Margot also suggested posting specific teacher requests on website, noting that she thought many needs could be fulfilled by donations of money or items.

Luis makes motion to accept 2011-2012 fees be approved as indicated. Ana seconded. Motion carried unanimously

b. Future LSC dates/Cubs Schedule – June 1, 2011 – tabled until next meeting

9. Audience Participation - none

Luis motioned to adjourn at 8:10. Monica seconded. Unanimously approved.