

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

**4 de mayo de 2011 / May 4, 2011, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Oficina/ Office, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave**

LSC members Present: Dr. Vernita Vallez, Clifford Meece, Luis Vera, Marisol Morales, Ana Camino, Jose Torres, Monica Arce, Cynthia Ramos, Margaret Aguilar, Johnny LaSalle, Vivian Vasquez

LSC Members Absent: Karen Barbour

Others Present: Shajaira Larrier, Dulce Ayala-Fischer, Michael Fischer, Nancy Zwick

Algunos miembros participarán por teléfono / Some members will participate by phone

Meeting called to order by Luis at 6:15 PM.

1. Minutes: Minutes were amended, and amended minutes were approved for the previous meeting. Marisol Morales made a motion to accept the modified minutes, Margaret Aguilar seconded. Monica abstained, all others voted to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

2. Audience participation

A parent in the audience expressed some concerns with the minutes just approved and the description of the FELE funding issues, in particular the response from FELE to the letter that had been read in the previous meeting regarding a parent contribution to a student that was administered through FELE. She felt that the minutes did not accurately reflect the reality of the situation.

Monica Arce expressed concern that money was donated from a parent and facilitated via FELE, and that there may be ethical issues.

Luis Vera stated that another child got to go to the DC fieldtrip, and even if there were some issues with the process, the end result was good. He also stated his belief that FELE is unlikely to repeat an action of this kind in the future due to the controversy.

The concerned parent stated that this should not set a precedent and that FELE should enable more children to have the same opportunity.

Monica Arce expressed her concern that a measure of fairness may have been lost.

Marisol Morales said that FELE is a separate 501c3 and they have their own board and make their own

decisions, and that the LSC cannot control how they spend their donation money.

The parent reiterated the concern that there may have been an unfairness in how one student was able to go on the school trip while others were excluded.

On a separate topic, Monica Arce was concerned that the number of committees currently on the agenda may make meetings inefficient, and that some committees on the standing agenda are not official LSC sub-committees.

4. **Informes** / Reports

a. Informe de la directora / Principal's Report

The Principal covered the BIC program currently being implemented in CPS

She highlighted the following concerns regarding BIC

- IAMS teaches children to honor resources, in conflict with BIC
- IAMS teaches children to value community; BIC devalues custodial and kitchen staff
- BIC causes a loss of instructional time
- The Principal predicts 20 minutes at minimum of lost instructional time.
- The BIC schedule is very tight, and specials start at 9:00AM sharp, in conflict with BIC scheduling.
- The Principal fears a loss of sense of community and loss of distinction between classroom settings and breakfast settings.

- The Principal expressed frustration that, for example, RTI, and other testing mandates, have required schools to implement with no guidance or instruction, but BIC was implemented with numerous CPS staff to help enforce school compliance. No such diplomatic efforts accompanied the academic mandates.

That said, the Principal announced that IAMS had won some concessions from the implementation.

- Universal breakfast will remain in place for children who arrive early enough to the cafeteria (before 8:50)
- Children will take BIC in the cafeteria.
- Some waste issues are being mitigated by IAMS hate-waste program.

- central budget has not arrived yet, and internal budget report is not available at the time of the meeting.

- Monica Arce suggested some discussions should begin about prioritizing budget items, in advance of getting the official school budget from CPS

The Principal asked for volunteers for the budget committee; Monica Arce agreed to join.

b. LRE

No report

c. PPLC

No official meeting. Election was held 5-4-11. Teachers voted to double the number of half day PD, bringing total 18 days. Also voted to increase recess by 10 minutes (won with 64%) , but expressed the need for parental volunteers to help. Recess will obviously still have budget implications that will need to be addressed.

d. SIPAA

No budget available

e. Presupuesto / Budget

Internal reports not available

5. Informe del comité actual del CEL / LSC standing committee reports

a. PAC

No March or April meeting, due to scheduling conflicts. Tuesday May 10th, 9am , IAMS morning community classroom, will be next meeting. 3 board members went to NCLB conference, and received many resources, contacts and training.

Conducted evening presentation of Ocean Annie for parents.

Ana Maria noted that a parent had told her that PAC was using field trip money to fund presentations.

Dr Vallez explained that student fees are used for field trips *and* presentations, and this is specified on donation pages and fee papers.

Monica Arce suggested that in the future, communication about student fees and how they will be spent should be approved.

There is also a difference between field trip funds and student fees for field day activities.

b. BAC

Cancer Workshop is Friday the 6th of May at 6PM. Cervical cancer will be covered. A potluck will be offered.

(Men are welcome to attend)

Dia Del Nino is May 20th. An invite has been sent out and donation request has been sent out. Health and Wellness are participating and have donated money. The Health and Wellness committee will be doing a hula hoop activity.

More parent volunteers are needed.

Restaurant Depot has donated some money for this event. We are still waiting on some other big

companies like McDonalds, Sam's Club, etc.

The National Museum of Mexican Arts will be there as well with a great activity.

c. Comité de Grados Superiores / Upper Grades Committee

No UGC

6. Informes de otros comités / Other Committee Reports

a. SEP

Nothing to report

b. FELE

FELE not present

c. Comité del Bienestar/Wellness Committee

This year focus was on activity, and next year the focus will be more centered on healthy foods and preparations.

Starting Monday, HWC will be hosting Playworks. They will be doing a sample program all next week. Parents and teachers will be invited for a presentation.

Dr Vallez expressed concern of having parents and community members coming to the School during recess for a presentation, and a presentation should be made separate for parents so that the LSC can approve it and security can be maintained.

H+WC will be working with Columbia dance program to implement a dance activity at IAMS.

Next big research project is to install Turf, which would be nice for playground. Business partners are being sought.

Monica Arce asked about the size of committee. Monica expressed the importance of maintaining a multicultural aspect to the Health and Wellness Committee, in line with the school vision and SIPAA.

7. Asuntos anteriores / Old Business

none.

a. Principal Evaluation – Closed session

-Luis Vera moved to go into closed session at 8:03 for the purposes of discussing the Principal Evaluation. Margaret Aguilar seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

-9:31 PM, returning to open session, Marisol Morales moved that the Principal Evaluation in its current form be accepted. Luis Vera seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

8. **Asuntos nuevos** / New Business

-Vivian, the new LSC member needs to be added to the LSC agenda and email lists.

9. **Participación del público** / Audience Participation

none.

10. **Se levanta la sesión** / Adjournment

Luis Vera motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:31PM. Monica Arce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31PM