

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

**1 de junio de 2011 / June 1, 2011, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Oficina/ Office, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave**

LSC Members Present: Dr. Vallez, Vivan Vasquez, Karen Barbour, Ana Camino, Luis Vera, Cynthia Ramos, Jose Torres, Monica Arce, Johnny LaSalle

LSC Members Absent: Marisol Morales, Cliff Meece, Margaret Aguilar,

Others Present: Nikhil Gahlawat (community member), Dulce Ayala-Fischer, Michael Fischer, Shajaira Larrier

1. Luis called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm. Introductions were made.

3. Audience participation

- Ms. Larrier followed-up regarding her concerns regarding the fundraising 8th grade Washington DC trip. She described concerns about process with FELE involvement in funding for a child. She would like to ask FELE to support the Washington DC trip with a \$500 scholarship that would fund one student per year. Luis asked that Ms. Larrier contact FELE directly, and also agreed to speak with FELE directly to make the request. Luis asked that Ms. Larrier also sit down personally with him to help him gain a better understanding of the challenges of upper grade fundraising. Monica shared that many years ago FELE did provide support in fundraising for school trips.
- Luis reported that a parent had expressed concern about Reading Buddies. The parent felt that her middle school child felt that twice per week was too much, and that middle school kids need more instruction. Luis asked that the possibility for some “give” or some ability to “opt out” for students/parents who do not feel that it was beneficial. Are individual modifications possible?

4. Reports

a. Principal's Report (see attached). Additional comments beyond what was written:

- Luis moved that no Regular August meeting be scheduled. Monica seconded. Vote carried unanimously.
- Next Year's Meeting: July 13 – 5:00, September 21-5:00, October 19-5:00, November 9 – 5:00, December 14-5:00, January 18– 5:00, February 8-5:00, March 14 – 5:00, April 11-5:00, May 9 - 5:00, June 13 – 5:00
- Monica expressed concerns about students who transfer into the school in later years. Concerns about both language proficiency, academic achievement levels and social/emotional skills have emerged. She also expressed a desire to welcome students who were new to the country, without English skills. Dr. Vallez said that we did accept newcomers to country to this school, but that there are simply less of these newcomers this year.
- Dr. Vallez made a motion to accept \$14, 577 from the Cubs for deposit for new sign, and to approve using this same \$14,577 for final payment for the sign. Luis seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.
- Dr. Vallez made a motion to disperse \$6050.00 to pay for Chicago Children's Choir for the 2010-2011 school year. Money has come from donations and outside rental income. Luis seconded the motion. Vote carried unanimously.

b. LRE – see principal report

c. PPLC - Monica reported that last teacher meeting was about structure for early dismissal days. Structure for team leaders to work with Dr. Vallez in the collaborative decision-making process.

d. SIPAA – see principal report

e. Budget – see principal report

5. LSC standing committee reports

a. PAC – Michael reported that there were some challenges with the last meeting due to an oversight on posting meeting agenda ahead of time. No votes were taken, but some basic information was shared. Last event not well attended, and there is a need to spread the responsibility of communication so that the burden is not too much. Need to get a budget set in place.

b. BAC – see attached written report. Monica added her pleasure at seeing that Dia del Nino is now becoming a budget item because it is a part of cultural education. Monica expressed concern about FELE having more power because of being able to raise more money, leaving BAC less power. Dulce expressed concern that all meetings are conducted in English, and that this is a barrier to participation. PAC translation equipment will help to alleviate some of this concern... Possibility of conducting LSC meetings in Spanish has been suggested. Put this on next month's agenda.

c. Upper Grades Committee – no report

d. Wellness Committee- Nancy couldn't be here. Ana reported that only 10 teachers gave feedback from Playworks pilot. Future fundraising is being discussed.

6. Other Committee Reports

a. SEP. Dates being put on the calendar for next year. We need to find the appropriate and most valuable function for this committee, and it will be addressed next year.

b. FELE – no one here. Luis reported that Fiesta Cultural raised approximately \$15,000 after expenses.

7. Old Business

- a. Principal Evaluation – closed session

8. New Business –

- We discussed the need to approve a fundraiser at the Gay Pride Parade. Monica concerned that Wellness not an approved LSC meeting. Dr. Vallez was concerned about approving general fundraising without thinking about impact on the overall community. Ana made a motion for parents to use the school name to fundraise at Pride Parade to fund Playworks. Luis seconded. 7 Votes for the motion. One opposed. One abstention. Vote carried.

9. Audience Participation – none

10. Approval of minutes – May minutes were e-mailed by Cliff. Luis made motion to approve May 4 minutes as ammended. Ana seconded. Vote carried unanimously.

Johnny made the motion to close the session. Jose seconded. Vote approved. Session closed at 8:40pm.

Meeting opened again at 9:25. Monica seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Luis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Jose seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.