

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

20 de noviembre de 2012 / Nov. 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Biblioteca/ Library, Inter-American Magnet School
851 W. Waveland Ave, Chicago IL 60613

Members Present: Dr. Vernita Vallez, Karen Barbour, Ana Camino, Julie Grisalez, Marisol Morales, Lisa Vazquez, Guillermo Vidaurre, Fran Feeley, Cynthia Ramos, Jill Wohl

Members Absent: Margaret Aguilar

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Fran moved to approve the October minutes. Lisa Vazquez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

Dr. Vallez announced she will not be seeking renewal of her principal contract. She reviewed her vision, and the changes accomplished, including alignment to Illinois State Standards, Common Core standards, project-based specials, and restructuring the middle school program. She is rewarded to see progress such as students using the language of instruction more frequently. In her four years working in Chicago Public Schools, there has been four CEOs, each with a different agenda. She has felt increasingly frustrated trying to protect students from things such as excessive testing and school safety instead of focusing time and attention on core instructional issues. She believes Inter-American has a collection of special and talented teachers, and she is committed to helping the school make a smooth transition.

Karen Barbour thanked Dr. Vallez for all the hard work done and for her transparency. Marisol Morales and Ana Camino concurred. Ms. Ramos stated her sadness and disappointment and challenged the community to be stronger, more caring and more forgiving in the future. Guillermo Vidaurre echoed appreciation for all that Dr. Vallez has done. Julie Grisalez wished we could have done more to support her. Ana Camino requested a copy of the statement. Fran Feeley noted that Dr. Vallez has proven herself to be an advocate for children, social justice, and dual language. He wonders how we're going to find someone as perfectly qualified as she. He added that all the hard work teachers have been doing will continue to live on, but he would have preferred it to happen with Dr. Vallez at the helm. Karen closed the discussion by noting that Dr. Vallez would have been rehired.

Cynthia Ramos exited the meeting, reminding us that with the passing of beloved teacher Noris Lopez, and the announcement of Dr. Vallez stepping down that we should not be conducting business. The council tabled the agenda until next month, upon when we will probably review purchasing a new literacy assessment for the primary grades ("Step Up") and increasing the sub bucket.

Karen Barbour moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.