

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 6:00pm, Annex Multipurpose Room  
Jueves, 1 de Septiembre de 2022, 6:00pm

Members present (in person!): Enrique Cruz, Wanda Ramirez, Jackie Alvarez, Carolyn Storandt, Lindsay Semph, Jose Espejo, Nader Elmasri, Araceli Fernandez, Carlos Rios, Amanda Bull, Leah Songer, Jax Del Angel

Not Present: none

Nader joined at 6:02pm

Staff present: Crystal Andrews, Ana Schreiner, Andy Distel, Emily Albus, Mere Asani, Cynthia Parker, Daniel Weber, Lakita Chantler (Urban Initiatives), Ms. Mariscal

Meeting called to order: 6:01pm

1. Initial LSC introduction, staff introduction, and meeting norms

2. Approval of the Agenda\* / Aprobación de la Agenda Chairperson

Motion made by council member Rios, seconded by council member Fernandez to approve the agenda. Approved: 13-0

3. Approval of the Minutes\* / Aprobación de los Minutos Secretary

Motion made by council member Ramirez, seconded by council member Cruz to approve the meeting minutes for June 9, 2022 regular LSC meeting. Approved: 13-0

Motion made by council member Storandt, seconded by council member Alvarez to approve the meeting minutes for July 13, 2022 LSC Organizational Meeting. Approved: 13-0

4. Principal's Report / Reporte de el Director Principal Elmasri

The principal's report was emailed to the LSC for review prior to the meeting. Updates include:

- 10 new hires! Still have two half-time positions open; CPS gave our sports program \$13,280 toward new things like uniforms!; Opening week PD for staff included accessing IEPs and 504s; ILT met over the summer to plan out learning cycle for the year; Ms. Sam Patel has transitioned to be our SEL specialist for students; Student Voice committee and Student Council will be separate this year, so please sign up to join!; Dual Language summer learning around socio-culturally relevant curriculum; more bilingual support
- Last school year, the alderman promised us a digital marquee and now Goethe is deciding what we want to get this installed
- Construction will last a year and a half-two years for building improvements including an elevator; created a Save the Mural project to preserve the playground-facing mural
- Able to offer summer programming this summer; teachers came back August 15; we now have pop-up libraries in our main hallway!

- Got a bunch of our spend down things including: new art tables, library assets, and music room instruments
- Fall photo day is Friday, Sept. 30; Goethe Fest is Saturday, Sept. 17; please get involved in family and community engagement opportunities!; sign up for COVID testing
- Principal Elmasri explained STEAM being a mindset, Heath Davis continuing on the ILT as the STEAM leader to ensure it's embedded into curricula
- Enrollment dropped this year, with low Kindergarten enrollment (which is a trend throughout all of CPS, not just Goethe); it's important

Transfer of funds request \* / Solicitud de transferencia de fondos

A motion was made by council member Cruz, seconded by council member Songer to approve \$3000 from Dual Language funds to pay for Dr. Solaro's PD for staff. Approved: 13-0

From: 115-57915-221015-300110

To: 115-54125-221015-300110

b. Budget Spend Down Items\* / Reporte de fondos del Director

5. Committee Report / Reporte de Los Comités

a. [FOGS \(Friends of Goethe School\) Report](#) / Reporte de FOGS

Updates included: Our president Gabe stepped down due to health reasons, so the FOGS Board has put an interim leadership structure in place until a new board is elected; FOGS recognizes some missteps over the past few months and is working diligently to fix those issues, including merchandise; Goethe Fest is 9/17/2022, please donate and/or volunteer!; next FOGS meeting will be 9/22/2022 virtually – visit our website to join; Board nominations are opening with a new board election in October!

b. Wellness Committee / Comité de Bienestar

Updates included: we had some garden setbacks over the summer including construction and low interest in a summer garden program; want to work on soil in the raised beds in the playground; hope is to get a Garden Committee going with a few teacher representatives spread out along grade bands

c. BAC (Bilingual Action Committee) / Comité de Acción Bilingüe

Updates included: No updates

d. PAC (Parent Action Committee) / Comité de Acción de Padres

Updates included: No updates

e. Annex Committee / Comité del Annex

Updates included: CPS said our annex isn't fit for housing all-day PreK and because of that we can only have half-day programs, so we're going to use this as an angle; However, CPS keeps putting money into the annex, refloored a bunch of it over the summer.

f. Recruitment Committee / Comité de Reclutamiento

Updates included: We were on a really good trajectory until some of the more coveted schools dug deeper into their waitlists...

6. Old Business / Viejo Negocio

a. Safety: Traffic management / Seguridad: Gestión del tráfico

Updates included: Had issues with double parking last year, so asked Alderman for new barricade horses; tried kiss-and-go again this morning, were able to create an actual lane and prevent double parking with addition of more cones and chains

b. Website: Update LSC section / Sitio web: Actualización de la sección LSC

Updates included: Principal Elmasri is able to pass update abilities to council member Cruz and council member Abangan

7. New Business / Nuevo Negocio

a. Urban Initiatives student feedback / Urban Initiatives comentarios de los estudiantes

- Council member Del Angel says that student feedback includes questions over why people have showed up. Recommendation to explain what is happening and for UI to introduce themselves more explicitly more frequently.
- Principal Elmasri said that construction and staffing shortage issues is partially why introductions and a smooth rollout hasn't happened yet
- UI is looking for someone permanent who can introduce themselves to the classes, who is strong in SEL competencies. Until then, subs have been used. Students will also eventually get a survey to share how it's going so the program can adapt overtime
- Council member Cruz shared student feedback, saying they don't love how recess is going and that they want time with their friends to socialize and play with their own groups; also students who love to read or draw that don't have this opportunity with this structure. Asked if there's a plan to include those readers/drawers?
  - o UI shared that a permanent person will help foster student space for those who don't want to play a game
- Council member Storandt asked how UI is making sure kids do know who is there that day?
  - o UI shared that moving forward, subs will introduce themselves
- Principal Elmasri gave a brief overview of why we decided to go with a recess monitoring system – coming back from COVID, students didn't know how to play and were more aggressive with many injuries; want recess not to be an anxiety situation for students; UI comes with training for our recess monitors and how to play and have fun
- Council member Del Angel mentioned seeing recess monitors playing games with students and that in the future that is something that continues
- Audience member asked what happens with those not participating with structured group because student was being bullied and harassed

- UI said that there will be staff out and helping, but they need proper training to monitor these things and how to help students with restorative conversations; there's a training in the works. With kids are a part of the unstructured play, UI will work to break them into smaller groups so there's less likely of a situation where students can sneak away; playground staff will also be more spread out and be more proactive than reactive
- Council member Fernandez asked for clarity around UI staff
  - UI said that there will be one UI staffer who will train recess staff and SECAs/paraprofessionals; currently have 2 recess monitors, looking to add another 2, plus SECAs/paras, plus 1 UI staff
- b. Music Program: Dominos fundraiser\* / Programa musical: recaudación de fondos de Domino's\*
  - If approved tonight, this will be the fundraiser's 2<sup>nd</sup> year. It lasts two weeks and if we start sooner, people can use their cards longer. Buy large pizza at menu price, you get one free. \$15 this year, with \$7.50 going to the school; can use this card as many times as you'd like until the end of June; needs to be a participating Domino's; go to website for all information; students can earn incentive prizes depending how many cards sold – this is new this year!
  - Goal is to make \$3000
  - Motion by Carolyn, 2nded Leah, 13-0
- c. Annual LSC fundraiser idea / Idea de recaudación de fondos anual de LSC  
PARKING LOT FOR NEXT MONTH

#### 8. Additional Comments from the Audience / Comentarios Adicionales del Publico

- Student had an idea around Gaga Ball; Mr. Elmasri already ordered materials for the game!
- Attendee asked about classroom globes and how to get them in schools, and would help to fund this
  - Council member Songer suggested an all call for used globes
- Attendee shared how they took a note-taking class, offered to share notes with others (very colorful pictures)

#### 9. Additional Council Member Comments / Comentarios Adicionales del Concilio

Council member Semph shouted out Goethe's feature in The Fund's end of year report  
Council member Cruz made an all call for Goethe Fest, especially volunteers

Council member Alvarez inquired about locker purchase follow-up; Mr. Elmasri said that Skyline would only let them purchase 4 sets (8 lockers); Council member Cruz asked what we can do to get the rest of them? Will have to reassess – add to parking lot

Council member Alvarez asked about a camera system update; Mr. Elmasri shared that company came out in the summer for a walkthrough and now they'll have to install it. Mr. Elmasri reached out for an update by CPS and they haven't responded yet.

#### Action Items:

- Nader will share access to website and calendar with Rick and Erica
- Nader will investigate globe acquisitions for classrooms and follow up with parent
- Amanda will put together a SNAP CNXT for an all call for globes
- Nader will send Lindsay the transfer numbers

#### Parking Lot:

- Annual LSC fundraiser idea
- Locker conversation follow-up

10. Adjournment / Clausura: 7:57pm