

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023 6:00PM

Members Present (in person): Nader Elmasri, Jose Espejo, Amanda Bull, Lindsay Semph, Wanda Ramirez, Araceli Fernandez, Carolyn Storandt, Carlos Rios, Erica Abangan, Jackie Alvarez, Rick Cruz, Leo Smith

Not Present: Leah Songer

Staff Present: Miss Gabby, Crystal Andrews, Ana Schreiner, Tatiana Martinez, Mr. Gus

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03pm

As the first meeting of the new school year, the LSC shared the meeting norms.

1. Approval of the [Agenda](#)* / Aprobación de la Agenda

Motion made by council member Ramirez, seconded by council member Rios to approve the agenda. Approved: 12-0

2. Approval of the [Minutes](#)* / Aprobación de los Minutos

Motion made by council member Alvarez, seconded by council member Bull to approve the minutes for June 8 meeting (regular monthly meeting). Approved: 12-0

Motion made by council member Storandt, seconded by council member Fernandez to approve the minutes for July 13 meeting (organizational meeting). Approved: 12-0

Motion made by council member Cruz, seconded by council member Abangan to approve the minutes for August 10 meeting (special meeting). Approved: 12-0

3. [Principal's Report](#) / Reporte de la Directora

The Principal's Report was shared with the LSC for review prior to the meeting. Updates include:

- Discussed the new Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) that was approved in the August special meeting ([see these meeting notes for comprehensive rundown](#))
 - o Council member Smith asked for clarification around English Learners definition given our dual language credit. Principal Elmasri shared that this means anyone who speaks another language, regardless of being part of the dual language program.
 - o Council member Bull shared with the audience that part of the LSC's responsibilities is to monitor the school's progress with the CIWP
 - o Question from the community about parent material for Courageous Conversations. Principal Elmasri responded that that will be a focus for this year's PAC
- Exciting welcome back to school activities, for students AND staff!
- Lots of great summer activities and enrichment opportunities!

- Fall sports have kicked off with their first games being this Saturday
- Enrollment update: With PreK- 725; without PreK- 650
 - o Title I funds are dropping, we're right below the threshold so we may not get much of that money next budget season
 - o Saw an influx of early education students
 - o Additional dual language Kindergarten classroom really helped increase enrollment

4. Transfer of funds request * / Solicitud de transferencia de fondos

Motion made by council member Bull, seconded by council member Ramirez to approve the transfer of \$33,172.55 for replacement of lost and damaged instructional materials, including books. Approved: 12-0

- To: 124-53305-119016-002239
- From: 21221 internal account

Motion made by council member Alvarez, seconded by council member Cruz to approve the transfer of \$18,810.19 from Right at School money to pay for additional recess support, hiring two additional staff. Approved: 12-0

- To: 124-52140-219005-002239
- From: 28114 internal account (Right at School)

Council member Cruz asked where the additional staff will come from. Principal Elmasri said he will be putting out a request. This would be in addition to Urban Initiatives. Alex is now in charge and managing Goethe's processes on this with Cynthia, Coach B, and one hourly staff currently working on this.

Council member Bull asked about Urban Initiatives—are we receiving the whole wraparound support? Principal Elmasri says there's a meeting tomorrow and we're looking to leave that relationship and transition to leveraging Right at School.

5. Committee Report / Reporte de Los Comités

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

Updates include: Next meeting: September 25, which is also the annual board elections—if interested or you know someone who would be great, please attend!; \$101,000 currently in the bank account, with \$1120 promised to Folklorico and \$5139.20 promised to yearbook; Lots of great work over the summer, both with fundraising efforts and with redoing the lunchroom!; provided gift cards to classrooms as a nice welcome back to school gift; August expenditures totaled \$15,385.46.

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

Updates include: All BAC paperwork and positions filled; first meeting will be set sometime next month.

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

Updates include: PAC election was held and we have a full board! They'll be going to the first PAC chair training, which will then set up the next meeting date.

d. Wellness Committee / Comité de Bienestar

Updates include: Working on a first date.

e. 8th Grade Committee / Comité de octavo grado Araceli Hernandez

Updates include: New committee birthed by council member Fernandez, council member Abangan, and others are planning ahead for fundraising for these 8th grade activities. Goal is to send as many students as possible to D.C. trip, and this is a way to make that easier on our families. Student participation with fundraising efforts will be the goal. Community service for students also qualifies.

Movie night fundraiser* / Recaudación de fondos para una noche de cine*

This will be an outdoor movie night on Friday, September 29. There will be snacks, drinks, and pizza for purchase. Funds will be held with FOGS and earmarked.

Council member Cruz asked about rain or bad weather. Council member Fernandez said we'll keep the same date but relocate in the gym.

Motion made by council member Bull, seconded by council member Smith to approve the September 29 8th grade movie night fundraiser. Approved: 12–0

October fundraiser* / Recaudación de fondos de octubre*

Was hoping to do the Fun Run during the fall, but it will be in the spring, so we'll be doing Penny Wars instead with a Halloween "fill your pumpkin" sort of things with loose change. The classroom that collects the most will get to do something really fun (zombie laser tag!) with Principal Elmasri and Assistant Principal Andrews!

Motion made by council member Rios, seconded by council member Storandt to approve the 8th grade Penny Wars fundraiser for October. Approved: 12–0

6. Old Business / Viejo Negocio

a. Capital Improvements: Marquee update / Mejoras capitales: actualización de marquesina

Updates include: Over the summer, the LSC sent out a letter to CPS capital improvements inquiring when we would be receiving the marquee. We were under the impression that aldermanic menu funds could be used for this but actually, menu funds can't be used. Currently trying to figure out how this can be funded.

7. New Business / Nuevo Negocio

a. Annual LSC fundraiser* / Recaudación de fondos anual de LSC*

Last year's fundraiser Holiday Market paid for teacher PD lunches throughout the year. Council member Bull proposes doing this again for this year and onward. Council member Ramirez will head this again for this year. Proposed date: Saturday, December 9.

Motion by council member Semph, seconded by council member Elmasri to approve the LSC annual fundraiser as the Holiday Market. Approved: 12-0

b. Seeking an interpreter translator* / Buscando traductor

We have one! Carolina recommended Veronica to us! Thank you for joining us!

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

Joanna mentioned FOGS is considering buying a popcorn machine for fundraisers but would need to be stored in the school.

Audience member asked how family income is determined since it seems like that's tied to our funding? Principal Elmasri explained it's very important to fill out and turn in forms. Additionally, kids who qualify for Medicaid also count.

Audience member asked about classrooms with globes and use. Principal Elmasri shared findings from last year's globe assessment—teachers that wanted one already have one.

Audience member asked if there's a way to donate children's books or chapter books? Principal Elmasri said would connect with Ms. Mariscal.

9. Additional Council Member Comments / Comentarios Adicionales del Concilio

Council member Ramirez will be acting as secretary for October's meeting.

10. Adjournment / Clausura: 7:54pm

Next steps:

Parking lot: