

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Members Present (via Zoom): Enrique Cruz, Wanda Ramirez, Jackie Alvarez, Erica Abangan, Lindsay Semph, Jose Espejo, Nader Elmasri, Carlos Rios, Amanda Bull, Leah Songer, Jax Del Angel

Not Present: Araceli Fernandez, Carolyn Storandt

Staff Present: Crystal Andrews, Maria Chavez, Pamela, TJ O'Neill, Rachel O'Neill, Ana Schreiner

Meeting Called to Order (time we start): 6:23pm

1. Approval of the Agenda* / Aprobación de la Agenda

Asking for adjustment of agenda. Council member Bull proposes removing vote for Fun Run, and adding graffiti issue to be added.

Motion made by council member Cruz, seconded by council member Songer to approve the agenda. Approved: 11-0

2. Approval of the Minutes* / Aprobación de los Minutos

Motion made by council member Ramirez, seconded by council member Rios to approve the minutes for September 1 meeting (regular monthly meeting). Approved: 11-0

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

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

- Goethe's dual language program has been selected to be audited October 28; Hispanic Heritage Month celebration was today October 13; Heath Davis is stepping down from being the Science/STEAM ILT representative and will transition over to Ms. Ali, starting with an all-staff internal review on October 21.
- Goethe Fest was a success, thanks to all that came out! Staff had a professional development day on September 23; staff went to the Field Museum Educator Open House; had our fall picture day; hosted Faces of Goethe event
- On September 12, we experienced flooding in classrooms due to construction company problems and ruined the gym floors – instruction company will pay for repairs
- First fire drill and first lockdown drill have taken place and were successful
- After school activities are in full swing! Band, Ballet Folklorico, fall sports (soccer, cross country, volleyball); Fill and Buck's Saturday Trips are a huge success and have a waitlist!

4. Budget Transfer Requests from Principal – Action Item* / Solicitudes de Transferencia de Presupuesto - Artículo de Acción
No budget requests this month.

5. Committee Report / Reporte de Los Comités, Reporte de la Directora y Asuntos Inconclusos

a. [FOGS Report](#) & Fundraising Approval

Updates included: Next meeting is virtually 10/18 at 8pm where new board elections will take place; Goethe Fest made a net profit of over \$5,000; Parents Night at Navigator Tap Room was a successful community-builder; FOGS approved funding for folklorico instructor.

b. [Wellness Committee](#)

Updates included: next meeting is 11/3; meetings moving forward will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 8pm, on Google Meet; Lisa has a great group of kids and staff working on the garden this fall, especially with diverse learners; GSA has begun meeting weekly on Mondays after school, have been well attended; allergy policy was recently reviewed in grade team meetings and learned how to respond to allergen issues; we have a new period positivity initiative that's beginning, where we'll have menstrual products in our bathrooms through dispensers where parent volunteers will refill as needed weekly.

c. [BAC Report](#)

Updates included: Leidy will be acting President this year, Pamela as Vice President, Shannon as Representative, and a new parent with the dual language kindergarten; next event is the sugar skull decorating on 10/25, and after that we will meet to determine the next topics.

Council member Bull proposes to amend the agenda again as the BAC fundraiser was accidentally not added originally. Council member Cruz makes the motion, council member Songer seconded.

Approved: 11-0

Folklorico fundraiser proposal: Bulletproof BBQ is sponsoring a 21+ event, \$15 per person per dinner

A motion was made by council member Alvarez, seconded by council member Songer, to approve the Folklorico fundraiser by BAC.

Approved: 11-0

d. PAC

Updates included: We are still receiving funding for this, so we are working to rebuild this and recruiting new PAC members.

e. Annex Committee / Comité del Annex

Updates included: Council member Bull proposed pursuing one full-day PreK class for several reasons, including CPS's universal PreK initiative and that it helps with enrollment, however we cannot pursue in our annex's form because annex cannot sustain it. Principal Elmasri talked to the PreK team – they're open to begin the discussion to move to full day for one of our classes. We want to propose to CPS that we want to make this move but can't as a leverage point to push the annex conversation forward.

Council member Songer is in favor of a full day pre-k given a half-day doesn't accommodate full-time working parents, and it helps with blended programs, helping give SPED and OT students their services while being integrated with other students.

Council member Bull will continue investigating this option with CPS.

f. Recruitment Committee / Comité de Reclutamiento

Updates included: will be offering three tours this fall, first one was last week where 12 people joined the tour! 8th graders joined to answer questions including council member Del Angel, parents were very excited after it! Goal this year is to get as many families to experience our school communities so we are on top-of-mind when they apply to schools in the spring.

6. Old Business / Viejo Negocio

a. Website

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

Council member Cruz has updated the LSC page, but still needs work on the member section and needs access to that. Website has come to a halt as the two individuals helping on this are no longer a part of our community. Will need to reach out to our community of parents to see if anyone can join and step up to help with website migration. Council member Bull will begin facilitating this. Council member Bull as well as a number of staff members have access to the website now, so they are able to update it faster.

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

Update from last month: Council Member Del Angel has heard much better feedback from students as time has gone on. Coach Tiffany is now our consistent coach. Other council members haven't heard any complaints since "Coach T" joined!

Council member Cruz asked if the parent's concerns from last month were resolved – it has been.

c. Globes for classrooms / Globos para aulas

Mr. Elmasri evaluated the globe status and will take the lead on the topic if the parent from last month comes back to ask for updates

7. New Business / Nuevo Negocio

a. Graffiti problems

Have had a couple gang tags pop up close to the school, 311 has removed these; Goethe contacted the CPD to alert them about it. Next CAPS meeting is 11/17, however, a community conversation meeting is happening next week and parents are encouraged to go to both to discuss. CPS Safety and Security has been made aware of the tagging as well – we want to make sure we're following up if these become more incidents. CPD offered to bring the D.A.R.E. program to come into the school if that is a step we would like to take.

Has been an uptick in crime around the school community in the evenings and night, as well.

Council member Cruz asked if we have video captured on this? Mr. Elmasri updated us on camera situation – some have been put in, but then they stopped because of backorders; Safety and Security is aware of this and will let us know when they are ready to continue installations, but there currently isn't a camera in the direction of the tags. Stairwells, hallways, exteriors, and common places (gym, AP room, main office) will all get cameras.

Council member Bull reports that some lights haven't been coming on at night; Principal Elmasri says it's because the lights were still set on the summer timer but that has been fixed.

B. Annual LSC fundraiser idea / Idea de recaudación de fondos anual del LSC

For support teacher meals for PDs, those dollars currently come out of Mr. Elmasri's pocket. LSC is allowed to fundraise between \$1k-\$2k per year. Council member Bull is proposing to fundraise for this support.

Council members Bull and Ramirez will spearhead this!

8. Additional Comments from the Audience / Comentarios Adicionales del Publico -
No updates

9. Additional Council Member Comments / Comentarios Adicionales del Concilio -
Council member Bull shared being contacted by a parent who is a physician at Rush who has been working with refugees from Texas, and asked about a supply drive to help them. Council member Abangan and Heath Davis have charged the Yearbook Club with running with this initiative! The Yearbook Club is currently designing flyers for it.

10. Action items:

- Lindsay will figure out setting up Zoom meetings for the future
- Amanda will continue investigating the full-time PreK option with CPS
- Nader will provide Rick with access to the member profiles on the LSC web page
- Rick will update the member profiles on the LSC web page
- Amanda and Wanda will start working on the fundraiser
- Amanda will connect Rick with her neighbor regarding the website
- Amanda will put out a call to our community via SNAP for boxes
- Nader will provide us with a flyer for joining PAC
- Amanda will send a SNAP for parents to help with the website

11. Parking lot: none

Meeting adjourned / Clausura (time): 7:42pm