

LSC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Members Present (via Zoom): Wanda Ramirez, Erica Abangan, Lindsay Semph, Jose Espejo, Nader Elmasri, Carlos Rios, Amanda Bull, Leah Songer, Carolyn Storandt, Leo Smith, Jackie Alvarez

Not Present: Araceli Fernandez, Enrique Cruz

Staff Present: Mr. Gus

Meeting Called to Order (time we start): 6:04pm

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

Motion made by council member Bull, seconded by council member Smith to add CPS dress code policy to the agenda. Approved: 11–0

Motion made by council member Elmasri, seconded by council member Ramirez to approve the agenda: 11–0

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

Motion made by council member Storandt, seconded by council member Songer to approve the minutes for December 14 meeting (regular monthly meeting). Approved: 11–0

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

The Principal's Report updates include:

- Effectiveness assessment taken by CPS and saw improvement based on a rubric
- Second district-wide dual language school meeting happened
- iReady and Star 360 assessments have started; Principal Elmasri will let parents know this
- ISBE has awarded schools additional funds for schools that took in new families and have EMPOWER grant money, uncertain if Goethe received these funds but Principal Elmasri will let the LSC know in the next meeting
- Single Story PD took place
- PAC/BAC playdate with Urban Initiatives was rescheduled due to extreme weather
- Book fair total revenue to spend was \$2,312.03 to purchase culturally diverse books
- Network 4 got a new deputy chief and dropped off a banner to celebrate Goethe's commendable status!

- Elevator is working and passed inspection! This is an ADA only elevator and we're not putting people in it yet. Main door is officially handicapped accessible and have some windows installed (some are still backordered).
- 8th grade is inviting various government officials in to learn more about government works from different levels; After school programs are up and running; Folklorico performance happened right before break; 3rd grade took a field trip to the Field Museum
- We now have a field website for field/playground renovations. This is something that can be voted on as a priority for funding through the First Ward.
- Enrollment: 730
- Got a new building engineer full-time.

4. Budget Transfer Requests from Principal – Action Item* / Solicitudes de Transferencia de Presupuesto - Artículo de Acción
None

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

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

Updates included: Next meeting: February 5, 6:30pm in the Library. We now have a field website for field/playground renovations. This is something that can be voted on as a priority for funding through the First Ward. FOGS will be sharing this to all people in the First Ward via a postcard. Available funds: \$5,000 because there is money set aside (\$20,000 for the field fund; \$2,100 for Folklorico spring semester; \$25,000 choral risers; \$6–7,000 entrance signage). Expenditures included a number of seating requests from teachers. Dine and Donate will be at Portillo's on Addison & Kimball on January 25, 5pm–8pm. Latin Beats tickets go on sale Monday!

b. BAC Report

Updates included: PAC/BAC playdate with Urban Initiatives was rescheduled due to extreme weather. Update will be at the next meeting as their January meeting hasn't happened yet.

c. PAC/Wellness Report

Updates included: PAC/BAC playdate with Urban Initiatives was rescheduled due to extreme weather. Update will be at the next meeting as their January meeting hasn't happened yet.

d. 8th Grade Committee / Comité de octavo grado

Updates included: Rescheduling January ice skating event for February 9—announcements are being sent out. This is a non school attendance day for students from 2pm–4pm. This is the last big fundraiser before families make their final payment for D.C.! \$10 per person.

e. Recruitment Committee / Comité de Reclutamiento

Updates included: Will be scheduling tours again soon; this is less critical as it used to be due to opening the second dual language strand.

6. Old Business / Viejo Negocio

a. Finalizing cell phone policy / Política de telefonía celular

Results: 81% said they agreed with overall policy; respondents who said “no” shared not that they disagreed with the policy, but rather to consider specific needs. This was open to parents and students through SNAP and Facebook for well over a month. No need for official LSC approval of this.

b. Upcoming LSC Elections / Próximas elecciones del LSC

Everyone needs to push applying or apply by end of month—region in the network with the most applications at the end of the month will receive either \$6,000 or a school promo video.

Council member Smith asked if it’s possible to endorse someone for candidacy? You can encourage that individual to run, but this is a great question for Mr. Poulos, the LSC Election Coordinator.

c. Survey for new principal evaluation process / Encuesta para nuevo proceso de evaluación de directores

Council member Bull will be attending this one hour training—can anyone else join as well?

7. New Business / Nuevo Negocio

a. School communication to families / Comunicación escolar a las familias

SNAP is not the best tool, but there are only a limited number of parent communication tools we are allowed to use. Can Mr. Elmasri look into an admin setting where posts through SNAP always auto-email and ask teachers to also send emails along with their classroom communications? Will research and follow up for February meeting. These messages may also be going to spam folders.

b. Yearbook fundraiser / Recaudación de fondos para el anuario

This is the annual carnation fundraiser that will pay for committee's yearbooks. Sales will also start after the fundraiser. Books will be roughly \$24. Carnations are \$1, will be delivered by yearbook committee students off to classrooms. Will be held February 14.

Motion made by council member Elmasri, seconded by council member Alvarez to approve the February 14 Yearbook Committee carnation fundraiser. Approved: 11-0

c. [New dress code policy](#)

CPS wanted schools to look at their current policies to see if there were any discriminatory issues, so they put out a checklist to help make revisions. Made a few adjustments based on the guidance using language from CPS in order to be in compliance with new dress code policy. Need to include what's required on gym days (gym shoes/athletic shoes/tennis shoes/basketball shoes on gym days).

8. Additional Comments from the Audience / Comentarios Adicionales del Publico - none

9. Additional Council Member Comments / Comentarios Adicionales del Concilio - Council member Alvarez asked if we have an update on an updated marquee. Principal Elmasri suggests that we purchase this with our own funds to secure it during spend down time.

10. **Action items:**

- Principal Elmasri will send a schoolwide announcement letting parents know testing has begun
- Finalize and push out revised cell phone policy
- Mr. Elmasri look into an admin setting where posts through SNAP always auto-email and ask teachers to also send emails along with their classroom communications
- Mr. Elmasri will make adjustments to the dress code policy, specifically around gym attire (ym shoes/athletic shoes/tennis shoes/basketball shoes on gym days); fix "responsibilities" typo; also follow up with the CPS office about what to do if parents cannot bring alternative clothing; general reformatting

11. Parking lot:

Meeting adjourned / Clausura (time): 7:37pm