

# Charles Gates Dawes

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**(PAC) Parent Advisory Council- Concilio de Padres**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023/Martes 26 de Septiembre, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.-Room 212/ 10:00 AM Salon 212**

## Agenda

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order-***Bienvenida/Lllamar la junta al orden*
- II. **Establish a meeting quórum (6 parents)-***Establecer el quórum de la reunión (6) padres*
- III. **New Business** *Nuevo Asuntos*
  - A. **Advisory Commtee Elections** *Elecciones del Comité Asesor*
  - B. **PAC Elections**
    - 1.Chair
    - 2.Vice Chairman
    3. Secretary
    - 4.Outreach Coordinator
- IV. **2023/2024 Meeting Dates** *Fechas de reuniones*
  - A. **Sept. 25, 2023**
  - B. **Nov 14, 2023**
  - C. **Dec. 19, 2023**
  - D. **Feb 6, 2024**
  - E. **April 30, 2024**
- V. **Public Comments (2 minutes per person)** *Comentarios públicos (2 minutos por persona)*
- VI. **Adjournment -** *Aplazamiento*

**NEXT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN DEL CONCILIO DE PADRES**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10:00 am**  
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**(BAC) Bilingual Parent Advisory Council- Concilio de Padres Bilingues**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023/Martes 26 de Septiembre, 2023**  
**10:00 A.M.-Room 212/ 10:00 AM Salon 212**

## **Agenda**

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  - **Advisory Committee Elections** *Elecciones del Comité Asesor*
  - **BAC elections**
    1. **President**
    2. **Vice President**
    3. **Secretary**
    4. **Representative**
    5. **Alternative Representative**
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- VI. **Adjournment - *Aplazamiento***

**NEXT BILINGUAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**PRÓXIMA REUNIÓN DEL CONCILIO BILINGÜE**  
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## Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome

- A. Meeting called to order at 10:09am by Ms. Frangella
  1. Ms. Frangella asked to have public comments saved until the end of the meeting if the questions are not answered during the regularly planned agenda
  2. Ms. Frangella introduced the staff attending the meeting
- B. Ms. Frangella addressed communication related to power outages and the need to wait for communication from CPS prior to addressing parents
- C. Ms. Frangella reviewed the request for Safe Passage and ongoing partnership with Safety and Security to try to ensure the safety of our students. We continue to wait for further information about next steps. Safe Passage is determined by the crime in the area. We are also going to be hiring another Security Guard.
  1. A parent asked about if Safe Passage has determined we have enough crime to allot Safe Passage? Answer: we are still waiting from CPS.
- D. Ms. Frangella addressed parents regarding the current investigation related to the staff and student allegations- Ms. Frangella reminded parents that we are unable to share details with the parents about the investigation other than what is approved by CPS. We are working with OSP and OIG to ensure that protocols are followed and that we are keeping children safe.
- E. The Newsletter is up on the website currently.
  1. October 13 8:45-9:30 is the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
  2. The new playground on Hamlin is now open
- F. Attendance has increased since last year and we continue to work to encourage students' regular attendance to school
- G. Calendars will be sent out and put on the website one week prior to the start of the new month. This was asked by parents last year and we are going to ensure that the calendar is sent home earlier.
- H. After School programs will begin the week of 10/10/23
  1. Information about registration will be coming out next week.

### II. New Business: PAC and BAC Elections

PAC - any parent of a child at Dawes

Position	Name	Email
Chair	Otis Patterson	
Vice Chairman	Sandra Adams-Monegain	
Secretary	Dalia Lopez	
Outreach Coordinator	Magarita Raya (xavier trejo)	773-964-8984

**BAC- must be 3 out of 5 parents that have a student in the bilingual program**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Deysi Trejo</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Gabriela Diaz</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alma Melero</b>	
<b>Representative</b>	<b>Veronica Zermeno</b>	
<b>Alternative Representative</b>	<b>Maria Orozco</b>	
<b>Alternative Representative</b>	<b>Maria de Rosario Vega-Madrigal</b>	

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**IV. Public Comments (2 minutes per person) Comentarios públicos (2 minutos por persona)**

- A. Comment: Traffic is getting better and commending us for that. The corner has not been as congested. Thank you parents for slowing down and obeying the stop signs.
  - 1. Ms. Frangella is working with the city and CPS to get bus lanes to ensure there is not parking blocking the buses and to get staff parking on Springfield and Hamlin
- B. Question: Do you have a traffic adviser or someone? If you have 100 prek, unless you come early the kids are going to be late because you have to park and come in. How can that be done in 10 minutes?
  - 1. There hasn't been any parking on the right side of the street. Ms. Frangella is working with Facilities for traffic flow. The signage needs to be put in place first. The traffic flow needs to be kept the same. Then facilities will assess and advise the next steps. Ms. Frangella said there is leniency with Pre-k for tardiness due to knowing that traffic is impacting arrival.
- C. Question: The person who was accused of acting inappropriately allegedly is no longer working here? The person is not here and it is under investigation.

- D. Question: Will there be more security on the other side of the school? The fights are happening on the other side of the school. There was an incident in which the mom was taking a video instead of ensuring her son was not fighting. This is not ok. Answer: We have two security guards currently and working to hire another security guard. Additionally, we are working with safety and security to obtain Safe Passage as well. Please also review school expectations with students as well. We are due for a camera upgrade by the end of SY 2025. Ms. Frangella will be requesting additional cameras to ensure we have a better view of what's happening before, during and after school.
- E. Question: Why are the streets not closed today? Answer: The security officer was not here today. They will be closed again upon his return.
- F. Question: During walks the teachers are taking the kids for walks and the parent expressed that there should be more adults with the teacher since there is a high ratio of teachers : students.
1. Answer: Some classrooms have more adults compared to others, but the teachers are always vigilant. We also have cameras. The incident with the student did not happen on school grounds. Ms. Frangella has been walking down Hamlin at dismissal as there is not much traffic.
- G. Comment: The crossing guard is arriving late and leaving early from her post. Sometimes the crossing guard is not getting out of the car.
1. Answer: Ms. Frangella has noticed the guard has not been there and will let CPS know about the absences.
- H. Comment: Mr. Patterson encouraged parents to please help volunteering and support the school to ensure the safety of students. He shared his personal experience as a volunteer and also reviewed how we need to show up to support the school and make sure our school community is receiving the resources they need. If we can work together to support the parents it will ensure that as a community we can support our students and their safety. Please register to volunteer and speak with Ms. Biszewski to complete the volunteer process to help arrival and dismissal.
- I. Question: What's the temperature range for going outside?
1. Answer: Above 32 degrees F with or without wind chill- outdoors
    - a) Principal discretion for 15-32 degrees F → usually it's inside
    - b) Below 15 degrees F with or without wind chill- Indoors
    - c) The city of Chicago requests that students are going out for a few minutes for to ensure their health as well
- J. Comment/ Question: Parent volunteers feel that the parents are very disrespectful and rude. Similarly it's dangerous for us as parent volunteers because many parents are not following the rules. Is it possible to have a police officer outside or an official?
1. Answer: We have been working with the alderman to give tickets to those

who are parked illegally. We have had police out there in the morning a few weeks ago. The police department is unable to station a car permanently. Ms. Frangella will be attending the CAPs meeting Thursday 10/5 at Scottsdale Park, 4637 W. 83rd Street at 7:00pm

- K. Question: Ms. Gonzalez commented that off duty parent officers volunteered to support the crossing guards and safety of students. Do we have ny parents here that might want to do that? Can we ask parents and/or CPS to get the permission to ask off duty CPD officers?
- L. Question: Ms. Orozco- Can students who are boys and girls enter any bathroom they want to? Is that allowed?
  - 1. Answer: If they are of a different gender than we have students to go a single stall bathroom. These were signs CPS is requiring be posted.
- M. Comments/Question: If could please have more cautious because a student was reporting that older students were looking over the stalls? It was a boy but if it was a girl it would issues.
  - 1. Answer: Each wing has the same ages going to the bathroom. We try to avoid different ages going into the same bathroom.
- N. Ms. Frangella thanked the parents for coming to day and we are so glad to see such an amazing turn out for the meeting! Thank you to our new officers!

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