

AISD English Language Learners Advisory Committee (ELLAC)

**Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2018

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members:**

Shelli Hix (Non-ELL Parent)  
Linda Santos (ELL Parent)  
Peter Partheymuller (Non-ELL Parent)  
Blanca Galvez-Perez (AISD Staff)  
Kim Nguyen (AISD Staff)  
Thuy Nguyen (AISD Staff)  
Sandy Chilton (AISD Staff)  
Sarah Ruttan (AISD Staff)  
Bella Lile (AISD Staff)  
Deborah Trejo (Business Rep.)

**Others in Attendance:**

David Kauffman (AISD Staff)  
Erica Baker (AISD Staff)  
Laura Flores (AISD Staff)  
Claudia Santamaria (AISD Staff)  
Leonor Vargas (AISD Staff)  
Maria Alanis (AISD Staff)  
Pedro Gonzales (AISD Staff)  
Denise Laureano Torres (AISD Staff)

Dulce Hernandez (AISD Parent)  
Milay Viciado-Duncan (AISD Parent)  
Marian Thompson (AISD Parent)  
Nu Chanpheng (AISD Parent)  
Ruth Gonzalez (ELLAC Guest)

**PROCEEDINGS**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Sandy Chilton in the Sánchez Elementary School Library and held in English.
- Public Communication Report: Ms. Nguyen read a letter from Jim Walsh, grand-parent of a Vietnamese DL student, to Superintendent Dr. Paul Cruz regarding trip to Vietnam and support of the Vietnamese DL Program, (Thuy Nguyen). The Center for Mexican American Studies at UT Austin will be hosting a conversation with former HUD Secretary and San Antonio mayor Julian Castro, US Representative Joaquin Castro, and their mother, activist Rosie Castro. The non-political topic will be *"The Importance of Family in Latinx Educational Attainment."* The event will be held on the UT Austin campus in the Tower, 6-8pm, with a reception to follow. The event is free and open to the public, (Leonor Vargas). Ms. Galvez-Perez spoke about "BOCA", a multilingual writing presentation taking place on February 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please email Blanca for additional information, (Blanca Galvez-Perez). Summitt Elementary staff have invited ELLAC to their Lunar New Year Show on February 23. Please email Kim Nguyen if you plan on attending to reserve seating, (Kim Nguyen).
- Committee Report: Ms. Hix attended the BFAC (Budget and Finance Advisory Committee) meeting last week. The district is facing a budget shortfall of approx. 30 million USD. There will be upcoming community information meetings to discuss the budget shortfall and provide opportunities for feedback. Please consider attending one of these meetings. Ms. Hix added that the budget is designed to reflect the district's strategic plan, and to encourage the ELLAC to provide input into the annual strategic plan review process which is part of our requirement as an advisory body, (Shelli Hix).
- Old Business: Pedro Gonzales, Middle School DL Coordinator, shared draft STAMP (Spanish language assessment) results for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Department of Research and Evaluation are working on a comprehensive report and will be available at next ELLAC meeting.
- Minutes for the January 9, 2018, ELLAC meeting were approved.

**Executive Director's Update**

- Budget Conversation Summary:
  - Deficit due to recapture
  - Losing enrollment
  - Decrease in federal grants

- Requested 33 more positions open for mixed classrooms and working on shifting positions to support mixed classrooms.

#### **Review MET Implementation Plans: “Call It What It Is”**

- Presented by: Dr. David Kauffman, Executive Director of Multilingual Education
  - Principals will understand the bilingual/ESL program options available for elementary campuses
  - Next steps in determining campus bilingual program designation
  - Reviewed non-negotiables for all programs
  - Have asked principals to communicate between staff, parents, CAC, and other stakeholders for feedback

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- ELLAC would like to review Spanish Language Arts data
- Compare STAMP and TELPAS scores
- View MOY and ISIP data

#### **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
- Next ELLAC meeting will be held in Spanish on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Sánchez Elementary School Library from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.