

AISD English Language Learners Advisory Committee (ELLAC)

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Shelli Hix (Non-ELL Parent)
Bella Lile (AISD Staff)
Kim Nguyen (AISD Staff)
Blanca Galvez-Perez (AISD Staff)
Sandy Chilton (AISD Staff)
Graciela Gorostieta (ELL Parent)
Linda Santos (ELL Parent)
Esther Williams (Non-ELL Parent)
Deborah Trejo (Business Rep.)
Montserrat Garibay (Community Rep.)

Others in Attendance:

David Kauffman (AISD Staff)
Maria Alanis (AISD Staff)
Alma Valdez (AISD Staff)
Erica Baker (AISD Staff)
Pedro Gonzales (AISD Staff)
Denise Laureano Torres (AISD Staff)
Leonor Vargas (AISD Staff)
Carlos Urrutia (AISD Staff)
Noelia Guevara (AISD Staff)

Thuy Nguyen (AISD Staff)
Maria Rostro (AISD Staff)
Priscilla Sanchez (AISD Staff)
Theresa Thuy Le (AISD Staff)
Kathy Palomo (AISD Staff)
Claire Dixon (AISD Staff)
Beverly Reeves (AISD Staff)
Norma Garza Mittanck (AISD Staff)
Mayra Lopez (AISD Staff)
Virginia Perez (guest)
Elena Donato (guest)

PROCEEDINGS

- Meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by Montserrat Garibay in the Sánchez Elementary School Library
- Public Communications: Education Austin will continue to host the “Know Your Rights” free immigration clinics, (Montserrat Garibay).
- Advisory Report: There is a need to have ELLAC representation on the Budget and Advisory committee, (Shelli Hix).
- Membership update: There is a current Dual Language parent vacancy and a request for additional secondary representatives.
- Minutes for January 10, 2017 ELLAC meeting were approved upon edits requested.

Supporting Immigrants and Refugee Families Presentation

- **Presented by Communications and Community Engagement Department**
 - Maestro en Casa – Norma Garza Mittanck
 - Supporting Special Education Families – Kathy Palomo
 - Language Line – Beverly Reeves

Executive Director's Update

- **Elementary Dual Language**
 - 70 teachers and specialists were trained in Cheryl Urow's Biliteracy sessions last week
 - 26 Fulbright scholar teachers from Uruguay will be shadowing in dual language and secondary schools for 3 weeks in February to learn about our US schools
 - Mr. Rodriguez-Tovar dual language teacher at Cook Elementary has been named NABE teacher of the year. 20 teachers, principals, specialists will attend NABE in Dallas at the end of this month.
- **Secondary**
 - Dr. Monica Lara, John Seidlitz consultant, has been working with the Sadler Means staff. She has monthly two day sessions where she conducts teacher observations, provides feedback to teachers and provides professional development to the administrative staff on coaching teachers of ELLs.

- The Secondary Team is coordinating with high school parent specialist to set up parent meetings to discuss the importance of attending school and also ELL academic attainment for Juniors and Seniors.
- Gloria Rodriguez and the secondary team are meeting with counselors to discuss EOC results for ELLs. Students are identified if they were not successful with EOC tests and are placed in sessions that will help prepare for the next test administration
- **Middle School Dual Language**
 - HS Expansion Advisory committee is forming if anyone is interested or will like to recommend that someone be recruited please contact Pedro Gonzales.
 - There will be a MS DL Summer Bridge again in August. If anyone has any suggestions on field trips that are culturally relevant, please advise.
 - February 3rd was the deadline for parents to submit their DL enrollment forms; however, they still have some time. Pedro has been visiting campuses and presenting to parents at coffees, to students in the classrooms and have been calling parents to share with them the benefits of DL in MS. IF there are still people that want to submit an enrollment form they still have time.

ELLAC Request

- Update regarding Spanish classes at Ann Richards
- Update regarding Dual Language enrollment plan
- Clarity regarding the DL transfer process

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
- Next scheduled meeting is March 7, 2017 at Sánchez Elementary School Library from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.