

Austin Independent School District
Multilingual Education Advisory Committee (MEAC)
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021

Attendance

MEAC Members:

Travis Barrett
Gabriela Campos
Nu Chanpheng
Brandy Cheung
Priscilla S. Emamian
Tracey Flores
Blanca Galvez-Perez
Krystal Gomez
Laura Chris Green
Dulce Hernandez

Shelli Hix
Kevin Jackson
Thuy Nguyen
Angela Pack Zia
Peter Partheymuller
Vanessa Santamaria Dainton
María Jesús Sebastián
Brenda Townsend
Dariela Villanueva

Central Staff:

Erin Aucoin-Barbier
Maria Alanis
Pedro Gonzales
David Kauffman
Farid Razavi
Ana Rojas
Leonor Vargas

I. Call Meeting to Order / Review Purpose & Norms

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM. The Co-chair reviewed the MEAC purpose and norms.

II. Public Comments

1. Bilingual certified Librarian group spoke to request the same bilingual stipend as teachers. Bilingual librarians help elevate the status of Spanish; they are also teachers; they support LPAC and TELPAS; they build equitable library collections; they help plan bilingual events; they are campus champions and advocates for the dual language program. Infographic shared highlighting their work on campuses.
2. Parent spoke regarding the language program at Winn Elementary. Questioned impact of testing metrics on campus regarding benefits of dual language and language learning on scores, funding. District's commitment to equitable decisions around language learning must not have a negative impact on campus.
3. Instructional Coach spoke regarding PLC planning differences between dual language teachers and ESL teachers. Dual language teachers have a delay in getting blend lessons and curriculum, making L Q between 048-D-2016-9000419T0046005

IV. Minutes

After review of the February 9, 2021 minutes, Travis Barrett asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Nu Chanpheng moved to approve the minutes with no edits. Thuy Nguyen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Multilingual Education Team Updates

The Executive Director for Multilingual Education acknowledged the 35 participants at the meeting. Thanked the district's librarians. Revisiting the stipend criteria with

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VII. District Committee Reports

Dual Language Family Engagement - No report presented at this meeting.

DAC - No report presented at this meeting

BFAC - No report presented at this meeting.

SEAC - No report presented at this meeting.

Dyslexia - No report presented at this meeting.

ACPTA - No report presented at this meeting.

Board Meeting Update - No report at this meeting.

African American Dual Language Subcommittee - meet on 3.8 -in support of bilingual education. Request for adding African American info to the chart/list that was presented. Discussed - 2-way conversation regarding joining dual language, focus groups- wants needs concerns, Set up by fall meeting w parents - focus on campus have large African American populations, set up cluster meetings instead of at each campus. Need to set priorities as a committee. Thanked Dr. Kauffman for attending meeting = addressed issues of concern - clarified state policy, district policy for dual programs. District funds are available to support the subcommittees. Concerns looking at assessment issues - for Latino and English-speaking parents. Thanked subcommittee members.

VIII. Review Action Items and Future Agenda Items

1. Action - Encouragement to view February 11th Board Information Session.
2. Reminder to attend Race Talks on March 23rd after spring break.
3. Send in requests for the next agenda to co-chairs or Ana Rojas.
4. Agenda Item - State performance acknowledgment = New students eligible for recognition for language achievements. Propose the committee share pathway
