

Hispanic Community Advisory Council

April 18, 2018

Present: Karina Baca, Fanny Chavira, Orlando Ortiz, Gerardo Munoz, Gabby Ruiz, Hector Diaz, Zaira Gonzales, Teresa Gomez, Bertha Salgado, Kristi Ramon, and Clay Montgomery

Mrs. Ramon opened the meeting by welcoming the team and guest, Fanny Chavira. The meeting norms were reviewed and the committee agreed on them.

A motion was made by Gerardo Munoz and seconded by Gabby Ruiz to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

A special report was given by Fanny Chavira, Bilingual Parent Liaison. Ms. Chavira shared that she has met with two new families. She gave an overview of the student handbook and crisis information with the parents. An informal interview was held to get to know the family, interests, and culture. Ms. Chavira has translated at High School ARD meetings and will be available to meet with new parents to assist in the enrollment process.

Mrs. Ramon shared updates on the Action Plan:

- Immigration meeting was well attended. It is recommended to have another meeting in the fall of the next school year.
- ESL Adult Education class has 52 students with Mrs. Alvarez as the teacher. Two beginner classes (Monday, Tuesday from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm.), one intermediate class (Thursday from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm.). The cost for the program is \$40.00. This will cover the student book. Due to the increased number of students enrolled, Nora Saenz will be assisting Mrs. Alvarez on Monday nights. Mrs. Ramon and Mrs. Shieldknight wrote a Spearman Community Fund grant to help with the expenses of the program.
- Discussion of an after-school homework club was presented. Mrs. Ramon will be working with elementary principals to determine how the program could work.

Discussion on ways to get information to the Hispanic Community about the committee's efforts:

- Picture on Facebook and newspaper
- Facebook in Spanish
- Meeting minutes on website

Mr. Montgomery shared the timeline for the TRE and answered questions about the process. Safety and Security has been added to the critical needs.

Mr. Montgomery shared the Little Lynx Daycare and after school programs are growing.

Mr. Montgomery shared information on the school budget and the 2016-2017 Actual Financial Data.

Members got into groups and did a 4 square reflection activity.

Process that are working well: ESL class, follow through, meetings, and Bilingual Parent Liaison

Successes to share: Immigration meeting, and turn out on ESL class

Barriers to success: Funding, better communication to get more people involved, and at what point do we wean off

Suggestions and needs: Helping with homework club, college readiness 101 (supporting parents with college application, financial aid, scholarships), provide a translator at HS registration, more parent involvement, and ESL advanced class