

EPAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

DSC Conference Rooms C&D

4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:37 p.m.

Members Present:

Elizabeth Ponce Lugo	Maria Belinda Arnold	Angelica Soto	Annie Gibson
Sam Cable	Christine Llewellyn	Sonia Schulte	Cynthia Reyes Madrid
Deana White	Lorena Martinez	Maria Washington	Oscar Gonzalez
Fernando Ruiz	Elena Burdan	Monica Hernandez	Patricia Ochoa
Stephen Fernandez	Jennifer De La Riva	Kimberly Holt	Jesus Malanche
Emily Cancellare	Martha Ortega	Gabriela Iglesias	Dr. Magdalena Aguilar
Frenda Serda-Gerardo	Gerardo Morales	Fred Doreck	Earl Sanchez
Ruth Harris	Julietta Arredondo	Lizette Castro	Lorena Cartagena
Ryan Trujillo	Vanessa Parra	Herlinda Johnston	Torita Hansby
Sherry Lewis	Jackie Beltran	Ernesto Espinoza	
Luz Apodaca	Mayte Marquez	Sandra Burton	
Lee Ann Troncoso	Jessica Ferando	Gina Panfile	

Cabinet/Staff: Tony Fraga, *Chief Academic Officer - Academic Services*; Dr. Maria G. Arias, *Director - State and Federal Programs*; Kelly McBain, *Director - Research and Evaluation*; Lisa Noe, *Director - Special Education*; George Thomas, *Director - Career and Technical Education*; Fernie Vasquez, *Assistant Director - State and Federal Programs*; Elizabeth Rios, *Student Systems Coordinator - Technology Services*; Jennifer Jones, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*; Oscar Leza, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*

I. Welcome - Mr. Earl Sanchez and Mr. Tony Fraga

Mr. Sanchez opened the meeting, thanked members for attending, and handed the meeting over to Mr. Fraga, who welcomed members on behalf of Dr. Espinoza. He reminded members that a charity event was currently taking place at the Socorro Student Activities Complex, where Dr. Espinoza and other district administrators were in attendance.

II. Consider Approval of EPAC Minutes for October 16, 2014 - Mr. Earl Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez opened the floor for a motion to approve the EPAC minutes for the meeting held on October 16, 2014. Ms. Luz Apodaca from Montwood Middle School motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jackie Beltran from Myrtle Cooper Elementary. The minutes were approved without opposition.

III. Curriculum – Mr. Tony Fraga and Ms. Lisa Noe

On behalf of Ms. Jennifer Davila, Mr. Fraga presented to members about the Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System, or PBMAS, an accountability system which measures how the District is doing with regard to supporting specific student groups. The presentation specifically centered on the performance of Bilingual Education students. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the main points of PBMAS and how the District measured up according to the results.



After Mr. Fraga concluded his presentation, Ms. Lisa Noe presented to members about PBMAS indicators for Special Education students, utilizing a PowerPoint to outline specific sets of information. She spoke of the importance of exposing Special Education students to the general education environment and its discussions in order to develop their academic potential and to make them feel included. She also emphasized how crucial it is for Special Education students to take part in the rituals and routines of the regular education classroom environment.

After this portion of the meeting ended, members requested that copies of the PowerPoints be sent along with meeting minutes.

IV. SIT Committee Issues – Mr. Earl Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez opened the floor for members to discuss issues raised at their respective SIT committee meetings.

Ms. Deana White, EPAC member from Americas High School, stated that there are issues with the building/structure related to water leaks during times of rain and the campus would like help with this.

Mr. Jackie Beltran, EPAC member from Myrtle Cooper Elementary, related that their P.A. system is not working and asked if it could be fixed.

Ms. Gina Panfile, EPAC member from Hurshel Antwine Elementary, asked if there was any way for administrators to pull reports from the At-Risk Management System (ARMS) to monitor interventions. Dr. Arias explained that, although ARMS reports have been requested, the District's shift towards documenting interventions in Eduphoria has made that unavailable. ARMS is no longer being used to document interventions and Eduphoria has no reporting mechanism built into it to run reports, hence the use of random spot-checking of interventions by DSC personnel.

Ms. Kimberly Holt, EPAC member from Jane Hambric School, stated that rain and standing water are an issue at the school, although wooden platforms have been used to help with this. Teachers and students in portables are particularly affected because wetness is a problem. Carpets, for example, stay wet for long periods of time causing odor, etc. She stated that portable #4 is a prime example of this problem, should Facilities personnel choose to execute an inspection.

Mr. Ernesto Espinoza, EPAC member from Paso Del Norte School, stated that the campus would like assistance with safety inspections.

Mr. Sanchez assured members that their concerns would be forwarded to Mr. Tom Eyeington and to Mr. Hector Reyna so that they could respond to the issues.

V. Closing – Mr. Earl Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez reminded members that they could send any questions or concerns proposed at their SIT committee meetings to him at esanch38@sisd.net so that he could communicate with the appropriate district personnel for responses at subsequent meetings. He thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

