

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202
Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 13, 2010

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Purpose</i> | <i>Outcome</i> |
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| Welcome and Introductions | | Welcome to Mr. Moncef Selami our newest BPAC member who was able to join us today. |
| Parent Survey results: Oralia Guzman | Information | There were more than 500 respondents to our survey. The majority were in paper format and not online. Highlighted feedback from the survey indicated that the greatest obstacle to communicating with schools and also with staff was due to language and not because the schools did not make them feel welcome. The survey also indicated that the most popular workshops parent s wanted to attend were: ESL classes for adults, computer classes, and reading with their children. A detailed summary of the survey findings will be posted on the BPAC website. This information will also be shared with principals. |
| PEP Program and Tutoring Update: Wanda Carrasquillo | Information | Oralia presented on behalf of Mrs. Carrasquillo who was sick today. The PEP program is being held at Plainfield Central HS, Drauden Point, and Creekside elementary. Classes are from 5;30-7:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in all schools. Creekside has an additional session on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same time due to the large number of participants. Due to such a large response to the parent Education program, there is a waiting list of parents wishing to attend. During the sessions parents will learn more about the |

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| | | <p>school system and also have ESL classes. There were no updates for the tutoring program. The tutoring program is for students in selected schools who need additional language support.</p> |
| <p>Parent University Update: Linda Hoste and Oralia Guzman</p> | <p>Information</p> | <p>The 3rd annual parent University will be held at Plainfield North HS on Sat. March 20th from 9:00-12:30 pm. Registration will take place from 8:30-9:00. The welcoming speaker is Dr. Carmen Acevedo, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. The theme is “Parenting in the 21st Century”. Information will be posted on the BPAC website.</p> <p>Mr. Estrada shared a draft brochure he designed for the event.</p> |
| <p>Budget Update: Linda Hoste Transportation Classroom libraries</p> | <p>Update</p> | <p>Linda informed the committee that an amendment had been made to the budget to provide transportation for students attending tutoring. A letter has gone out to parents to see who would take advantage of this service.</p> <p>The amendment also covered the purchase of classroom libraries for our bilingual classes grades K-3. Teachers will receive 200-300 bilingual books to support their guided reading in Spanish.</p> |
| <p>Presentation at Freedom Elementary: Gloria Ramirez & Leticia Orban</p> | <p>Update</p> | <p>Mrs. Ramirez and Leticia Orban attended the PTO meeting at Freedom Elementary yesterday Jan 12th. They shared information about BPAC with the parents who were very appreciative to know about what we do and how we work to serve our bilingual families.</p> |

Other

- Oralia mentioned that Plainfield Library has a good selection of bilingual textbooks in Spanish.
- Mrs. Ramirez shared a good book with us that answers all your questions about bilingual education. The book is: Guía para padres y maestros de niños bilingües by Alma Flor Ada and Colin Baker.
- Mr. Casanova raised the question about why students had to keep taking ACCESS. Linda explained that ELL students across the district right now are taking the state mandated ACCESS test. Once a student is identified as needing ELL services, this is a state required test that all ELL students must take until they reach the state criteria to exit. This requirement applies to all identified students whether they are in the program or not. The new state criteria (effective Jan. 1 2010 is that students must score a 4.8 composite score and a 4.2 literacy (reading and writing combined).
- Thank you to Ana Arredondo for translating. Thank you Mrs. Orban and Mrs. Ramirez for presenting at Freedom Elementary.
- Thank you Mr. Estrada for the brochure outline for parent university.
- We will have another informal planning meeting to finalize parent university when we get the proposals back from presenters.
- Next open meeting: April 15, 2010 central office.