

## Central Unified School District MIGRANT PARENT ADVISORY COMITTEE MEETING 3/27/17 District Office Room 4 MINUTES



- 1. Registration & Refreshments
- **2.** Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ramirez at 6:03 p.m. Nora Ceballos interpreted for parents.
- **3. Roll Call**: Mrs. Ramirez welcomed attendees. Five (5) members present. Four (4) needed for a quorum. A quorum was established.
- **4. Approval of the Agenda-** Maria Vergara / Irma Barraza M/S/C to approve the agenda with no discussion and a unanimous vote.
- **5. Approval of the Minutes:** Bonfilio Altamirano / Gerardo Ventura M/S/C to approve the minutes from February 27, 2017with no discussion and a unanimous vote.
- 6. Action Items: Open Nominations 2017-18 PAC Officers- A motion was made to open nominations M/S/C Celia Galindo / Bonfilio Altamirano. Duties and responsibilities were explained and the floor was opened for nominations by Mrs. Grigsby, who also explained that nominees must be qualified for migrant to be allowed to run as a committee officer. Nominees were as follows: President- Sonia Ramirez Vice President- Bonfilio Altamirano, Secretary- Teresa Martinez, Regional Representative-Irma Barraza, and Alternate Representative- Gabino Martinez. A motion was made to close nominations M/S/C Maria Vergara / Celia Galindo. Elections will take place at our following PAC meeting.
- 7. 2017-18 DSA Review: Ms. Leal shared suggestions for the educational programs and explained the district receives funding to provide these programs. The migrant program helps with children of all ages with in home tutoring, counselors at West and East schools to help with credit retrieval and social emotional needs (Teresa Silva intervention teacher at West, afterschool). Students were invited to two field trips to universities and one to a college. FACT program was a success and a very good experience, we want to encourage our youth early on before they are in high school. Another available program for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is for help in ELA, Reading and Math, it consist of 6 Saturday sessions, four hours each session. It will serve 15 – 20 students, a tablet is provided to do homework, or continue Language Power in home tutoring. In the area for parents, Nora, Yolanda and Carmela are paid extra hours to assist parents. We are offering in home family literacy project which consist of 10 classes and bilingual materials. Money was put aside to pay for food at the meetings, invited two people to conferences, parent and student field trip. Some of the funding can be utilized to pay for additional personnel to help students during summer school, and also invest in transportation for 2018 summer classes or events. There is also parent ESL Saturday classes available, they include 30 hours of instruction at three levels. Parents requested money be set aside for home to home transportation, and agreed on Saturday ESL classes. Parents will have an opportunity to vote to approve the DSA at our next Migrant PAC meeting.
- 8. District updates: Mrs. Grigsby shared information for summer services offered by the district, and Mrs. Ceballos shared information about Parenting Partners workshop that will be held at McKinley Elementary School every Wednesday, FCOE Workshops at Steinbeck Wednesday mornings, ESL classes at Harvest and Teague, PBS workshop at Teague and Sexual Ed. classes at the district office.

- **9. Regional program updates:** Mrs. Fernandez shared information on Family Biliteracy program funded by an additional scholarship awarded, the focus of this program is to offer preschool preparation and vocabulary improvement to 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Classes will be on every Saturday in May from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A parent orientation will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to service 20 families.
- 10. District Representative Report: Mrs. Leal informed families who participated in our FACT event that they should be receiving a call from Sandra Campos with an invitation to the fieldtrip to UC Monterey and the aquarium. Mrs. Ramirez shared her experience at the migrant conference in Los Angeles, it was from Friday to Sunday, included breakfast, lunch and many workshops. People from all across California attend this event and receive information on financial aid, suicide awareness and lots more information for parents.
- 11. Presentation- Community Science Network Inc.- Alex Quiñones & Kenny Kimberly joined us today to show us how students can learn science, they brought small artifacts for us to make them work and to learn how science is used, we also got the opportunity to build our own mini robots utilizing simple items as parts. Children are invited to these free science classes. This is a great opportunity for Hispanic children to be exposed to science at no cost. Workshops are Monday thru Friday in Highway city at 3 p.m. after school, in Sanger on Tuesdays thru Saturdays.
- **12. Public Announcements or Comments:** Mrs. Ramirez mentioned the need for additional bilingual counselors. Mrs. Grigsby recommended she ask Yolanda Nuñez for assistance. Funding has to be worked out for services. Mrs. Ceballos offered to set up a dialer to let parents know that Yolanda is available in the absence of Mrs. Gutierrez. Mrs. Galindo asked "are migrant summer programs for all students or only for those below grade level? Mrs. Leal clarified "for those who need it the most" Mrs. Martinez shared that tutoring sevices are wonderful, she has two children (K & 5) they have improved academically. Mrs. Vergara also mentioned that in home tutoring is great, Mariela and Paola are wonderful tutors. Mrs. Galindo suggested taking elementary students on field trips to the high school, and invite guest speakers to all schools. Mr. Coronado thanked everyone for being here today. He shared that he was also a field worker. As a student he was retained in 1st and 8th grade, he never talked to a counselor in 12th grade. Dad told him "if you only plan to do what I do, all the years you've studied will be in vain". At the end of the day education is very important. I appreciate that you encourage your children.
- **13. Adjourn:** Mrs. Ramirez reminds everyone to complete and return evaluations. Jose Luis Santos / Sonia Ramirez M/S/C to terminate the meeting at 8:38 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the District Office in Room 4.