

DELAC 01-17-20

Minutes

9:00 Gloria Estavillo called to order

Jose Martinez pointed out that the president / VP of DELAC aren't present. Commented that the schools should have done more to get parents to come.

Gloria shared that if parents didn't receive a text reminder, their information may not be correct in the system.

Each member introduced himself / herself.

Adam clarified that according to the system, the message went out. Several parents clarified that they received one or even 2 messages.

9:20 Rafael Vázquez - Presentación "Logrando Tus Sueños"

Why did you migrate? To have a better future for your children

- We didn't come to this country to survive, but to thrive
- Talk with your children each day. Suicide rates are very high in Latin American youth in EU.
- Planning for the future - Saving for college (529 College Savings Plan)
- Digital safety - children under 16 don't need cell phones - there are local cases of abuse, kidnapping, trafficking that stemmed from social media
- Harassment & bullying - You need to have conversations with your children.
- Universities and colleges are public places - parents can take children to visit these campuses for free. The question is not if you'll go to college, but which college. What careers do your children want (chef, soccer player, police officer, tech work, engineer, architect, economist, dancer, veterinarian, speech therapist, dental specialist...). Being bilingual is an asset if not a requirement.
- Gang problems returning to Sonoma County. Many people come here to escape gangs and end up joining.
- Many parents don't want to find out that their children have special needs. They have guilt that it's something "they did." If you're afraid of finding out that your child has a special need, the children will be the ones harmed. Don't be afraid to have your child examined by schools if you suspect they need something.
- The consequences of trauma during childhood - "trauma is a gift that keeps on giving." In this country, no one should hit anyone. Choose behavior modification - it doesn't work overnight but it works.

10:21 Jose Martinez asked parents to share about ELACs

- JX: Sarah Balian and Teresa Escobedo shared that a bilingual library representative attended ELAC and shared information about student and parent resources. The school counselor also came to talk about her services.
- WC: Jose Martinez shared that WC does not have Ade as a liaison anymore. Carmen Payan came to ELAC to talk about Migrant Ed. Jose shared that WC is not referring as many students as the other two sites. WC will have Fiesta Night. Principal of WC shared that they've found a new bilingual community liaison and they will get to know her next week at ELAC.

10:25 Public Comment

- Parent request (Fabiola): can we have another DELAC because this speaker took all our time.

- Parent comment (Eliseo): We need more invitations and organization on campus for more parents to come. It saddens him because very few people attend the meetings.
- Parent comment: maybe many parents have small children and that's why they don't come? She would like child care for ELAC/DELAC
- Community Information: Jose shared that this Saturday is the Women's March

10:43 a.m. Closing

Raffle - copies of Logrando Tus Sueños were given to 4 parents in attendance