

Agenda
Equity and Access Committee
September 27, 2018
3:45 p.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions: Virginia Romfh, Terri Trick, Fatima Rodriguez, Yasmin Buenrostro, Sandra Escobedo de la Cruz, Aliya Torres, Kalea Soto, Edlyn Carvajal, Aissa Avalos, Melito Ramirez, Jacky Alonso, Amy Reed, Erin Dorso, Bill Erickson, Delia Gutierrez, Sandy Garcia, Kim Kelsey, Ruthell Martinez, Ruben Hernandez, Mark Higgins, Marilyn Melgoza, Stacy Estes, David Hampson, Julie Perron, Sergio Hernandez

2. Reports / Updates:

- Professional Development Opportunity** – Erin Dorso and Amy Reed presented a book study opportunity that will be available to district staff. They plan on reading, *Culturally Responsive Teaching and The Brain*. The study will begin second semester and limited to a small group.
- Edison – Year Two** - Julie Perron shared with the committee that the Dual Language program at Edison as a great start to the school year. Enrollment is full in both Kinder and 1st grade. Next year....all sections in K - 2nd grade will be dual classrooms...with a goal of continuing to add one grade per year.
- Latino Outreach** - Marilyn shared with the committee the following projects and/or initiatives she is working on:
 1. The Bilingual Department met with Whitman’s Bilingual United program and they agreed to continue the after school tutorial program for ELL students.
 2. The office is working with the Technology Department to create a system where anyone in the district needing translation or interpretation services would go on-line and complete a request form.
 3. The department was able to assist Melito Ramirez (Wa-Hi) with funding so that he could take students to Pacific Lutheran University for their Students of Color Conference.
- Latino Club** - Bill shared that the Latino Club had a very successful “2018 Southeast Washington Fair”. Club members worked hard...both preparing the grounds and during the four days of the fair at their booth.
- LEAP** - The committee heard from Yasmin Buenrostro (10th) Sandra Escobedo (12) and Fatima Rodriguez (12) who are serving as Latino Education Advancement Project (LEAP) Ambassadors this year. They

travel to the Seattle area once a month and are working hard in preparation for the Annual LEAP conference in February, that will draw 300-400 students from around the state.

- La Cima** - Kalea Soto and Adlyn Carvajal reported on the La Cima Leadership Conference they attended this summer in Randle, WA. The main purpose of the weeklong bilingual camp is to impart leadership and life skills to Latinx youth. Our Wa-Hi representatives plan to use their leadership skills to make our school an even better place for all students.
- Parent Outreach** - Pam reported that she is struggling with getting Latino families to register for family engagement opportunities. She did not send flyers home with students this time, but is considering doing it again. Some of the strategies she is using to increase enrollment include; reaching out to Interventions Specialists for their help, walking neighborhoods with C2C, use of social media, doing radio spots in Spanish and robo-calls. The committee offered several suggestions, including changing the name from parent classes to academy classes, passing out flyers to all 5th graders to take home and using parent ambassadors to provide testimonials.
- Dia de los Muertos - Ron / Caleb** – members of the Día de los Muertos committee could not attend the meeting, but sent information that the event will be held Sunday, Oct 28 from 11:00 – 4:00 pm at the Farmers Market / bus transfer station. More details will be coming.

3. E & A Committee: Ideas for moving forward

Sergio and committee - This item was tabled until the November meeting and will be the first item on the agenda.

4. Other Items:

- Committee members were invited to the “Big Idea” event to be held at the Walla Walla Public Library, Thursday, Sept 27 at 7:00 pm. Victor Vergara will be presenting on the “Value of Bilingual Education”.
- The Las Chiquillas Ballet Folklorico have been invited to Las Vegas to participate in a celebration of the newly elected Mexican president, Manuel López Obrador. Five Wa-Hi students are part of the dance group and they are in the midst of fundraising for their expenses.

5. 2018-19 Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, Nov 29, 2018**
- Thursday, Jan 24, 2019**
- Thursday, April 25, 2019**