

**February 11, 2014**  
**MDCPS Primary Learning Center**  
**EESAC Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:**

Diaz, Aillette A (Alternate Principal)  
Rosario, Christine M. (EESAC Chair, Lead Teacher)  
Mensch Raval, Alice (Parent)  
Alviarez, Chantal (Teacher)  
Seals, Sandra (Alternate Parent)  
De La Cabada, Dianne (Parent)  
Zuazo, Stacey (Parent)  
Brewe, Eric (Parent)  
Padilla, Felisa (BCR)  
Jones, Brittney (UTD Steward)  
Nozile, Michael (BCR)

**Members Absent (Excused):**

Carvalho, Alberto (Principal)  
Hernandez, Hernan (BCR)  
Corujo, Vanessa (Alternate Teacher)  
Mir, Saira (Teacher)  
Padron-Mendez, Jennifer (Educational Support Employee)  
Gonzalez, Vanessa (Teacher)

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

No one had an unexcused absence.

**Also Present:**

Aenlle, Kristina (Parent)  
Abunuwas, David (Parent)  
Cottle, Tiara (Parent)

**Convened: 3:30pm, February 11, 2014**

**Topics Covered:**

**Welcome**

Ms. Rosario welcomed everyone. She briefly explained that the sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on how the EESAC funds will be used. She moved that any item that is not EESAC funds related be moved to the next meeting.

**Review and approve minutes from previous meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

### **EESAC Funds Proposal Reviews and Vote**

The EESAC funds must impact every student in the school. There were three proposals presented to the committee. To be considered these proposals must be aligned to the SIP. The total EESAC funds available for this school year are \$1,489.00.

#### **Proposal 1:**

Ms. Mensch Raval proposed that she would like the AR funds to be utilized to purchase AR books to enhance the current AR program. This proposal is aligned to the SIP on page 3: “EESAC funds of approximately \$2,000.00 will be allocated to implement digital media and enhance our Accelerated Reader program.” There were several questions regarding this proposal and a spirited discussion ensued. Ms. Alvarez gave examples of how effective the program has been in her class. Ms. Jones enforced what Ms. Alvarez said and she also believes the AR program it is effective and that more books are needed.

#### **Proposal 2:**

Ms. Padron Mendez proposed Time for Kids and Time for Kids Around the World subscriptions for the use of the EESAC funds. These magazines would be a school wide subscription and they highlight the international education component of the PLC. The intention is to supplement the classroom curriculum. Time for Kids and Time for Kids Around the World is a monthly offline and online subscription with activities related to common core for use in the classrooms. She referenced page 14 of the SIP “Performance data for students scoring at Achievement Level 3 on the 2013 FCAT indicates that there is a deficiency in Reporting Category 4-Informational Text and Research Process [LA.3.6.1.1], resulting in difficulty reading and organizing informational text and text features to perform a task”. Examples of what would be shown in each issue was presented. The cost is \$1514.48, slightly higher than the EESAC funds available, but includes all PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> teachers. This is a one year subscription. The next 4 classes that come (2014 – 2015) will not be covered, unless the school decides to purchase additional subscriptions.

#### **Proposal 3:**

Ms. Dianne DeLaCabada proposed the EESAC funds be utilized for an AR Fair to incentivize reading and the AR program. The AR Fair would be a carnival that would be held in school. The students would be able to trade in their AR “tokens” for prizes at the end of the year. Ms. Rosario stated that the AR Program is not mandated (it is not a part of the district educational mandate) so not all students would be able to benefit from this proposal. Ms. DeLaCabada also proposed that the EESAC monies go towards the bilingual program. She would like to see the EFL program strengthened with the use of these funds.

- a. Because the EESAC funds cannot be used for either of her original proposals Ms. DeLaCabada amended her proposal for the EESAC funds to provide a literacy carnival to promote literacy throughout all of the grades.

A vote was taken on the three proposals and Proposal 1 was favored by the committee. Each committee member then gave their final vote as tallied below:

Diaz, Aillette A (Alternate Principal) – YES  
Rosario, Christine M. (EESAC Chair, Lead Teacher) - YES  
Mensch Raval, Alice (Parent) - YES  
Alviarez, Chantal (Teacher) - YES  
Seals, Sandra (Alternate Parent) - YES  
De La Cabada, Dianne (Parent) - YES  
Zuazo, Stacey (Parent) - YES  
Brewer, Eric (Parent) - YES  
Padilla, Felisa (BCR) - NO  
Jones, Brittney (UTD Steward) - YES  
Nozile, Michael (BCR) – YES

So by consensus we will be building our AR classroom libraries in PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade with this year's EESAC funds.

Because the Time for Kids and Time for Kids Around the World subscriptions were also highly favored by the committee Ms. Seals recommended that this proposal be brought before the PTA as a request for funding this proposal.

#### **Miscellaneous**

None

#### **Questions/Comments**

None

#### **Next meeting**

During the next meeting the following agenda items will be discussed. Please send additional agenda items to Ms. Rosario via email.

- AR Update
- Bilingual Program

**Next meeting to be announced.**

**Adjourned: 4:38pm, February 11, 2014**