

March 19, 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)
De La Cabada, Dianne (Parent)
Zuazo, Stacey (Parent)
Brewer, Eric (Parent)
Hernandez, Hernan (BCR)
Mir, Saira (Teacher)

Members Absent (Excused):

Carvalho, Alberto (Principal)
Corujo, Vanessa (Alternate Teacher)
Padron-Mendez, Jennifer (Educational Support Employee)
Gonzalez, Vanessa (Teacher)
Seals, Sandra (Alternate Parent)
Padilla, Felisa (BCR)
Jones, Brittney (UTD Steward)
Nozile, Michael (BCR)

Members Absent (Unexcused):

No one had an unexcused absence.

Also Present:

None

Convened: 2:39pm, March 19, 2014

Topics Covered:

Welcome

Ms. Rosario welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and approve minutes from previous meeting

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

SIP Waiver Update

The waiver for contract provisions were reviewed, and we currently do not require a waiver for the 2013-2014 school year or the Alternative Supplement Model.

Accelerated Reader Update

Hundreds of books are offered that are AR compatible and the teachers are now going through the available list of books. Once this is completed the administration will be purchasing the AR books accordingly for each class utilizing the AR funds (as voted at the previous meeting).

Bilingual

Ms. Diaz congratulated Ms. Mir as a "*Una Maestra Especial*". Univision visited our school and did a video segment on Ms. Mir.

Ms. Diaz also met with district regarding our compliance with the Spanish language program. Currently we are in compliance with the amount of minutes offered, which is one hour of Spanish daily. We are currently in compliance with our Spanish Language Arts and Social Studies instruction. The option of science being taught in Spanish would have to be approved by Mr. Carvalho. This is because the FCAT is taken in English and students would be taught in science in Spanish.

Another option is to offer a Spanish class after school to increase the Spanish program (in addition to the current offering of French). Spanish SL (Second Language) is not an option for our school because we are an EFL (Extended Foreign Language) school.

The district has encouraged us to produce plays or other activities in Spanish to showcase that the children are learning in Spanish and further enhance the Spanish program.

At this point no subject changes will be made in the Spanish program.

Winter Assessments

3rd and 4th grade reading and math assessments have taken place. We are proud to announce that we increased in both areas and we are also happy to announce that we overwhelmingly outperformed the district in both these areas.

FCAT Testing Dates

3rd and 4th Grade:

Reading will take place on April 16 and 17.

Math will take place on April 21 and 22.

Each session will be 70 minutes in length.

Miscellaneous

Alice Raval asked if Ms. Padron-Mendez's proposal for Time for Kids from the last meeting (proposal #2) would be presented to the PTA for funding. The group agreed that this was still a good idea and Ms. Raval offered to present the proposal if Ms. Padron-Mendez was unable to attend the next PTA meeting.

Questions/Comments

None

Next meeting

To be announced. The SIP will be discussed.

Adjourned: 3:05pm, March 19, 2014