

**Austin Independent School District
Multilingual Education Advisory Committee (MEAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020**

Attendance

MEAC Members

Travis Barrett
Gabriela Campos
Nu Chanpheng
Brandy Cheung
Mariel Early
Blanca Galvez-Perez
Krystal Gomez
Dulce Hernandez
Shelli Hix
Kevin Jackson

Thuy Nguyen
Angela Pack Zia
Peter Partheymuller
Priscilla S. Emamian
Danielle Sanders
Maria Sebastián
Brenda Townsend
Leonor Vargas
Dariela Villanueva

Multilingual Education Staff

Erin Aucoin-Barbier
Maria Alanis
Pedro Gonzales
David Kauffman
Ana Rojas

I. Call Meeting to Order / Review Purpose & Norms

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. A brief introduction was provided by each member.

II. Elect co-chairs

Co-Chair announces that it is time to make a decision to vote for new co-chairs who will be elected for the next two years. A motion was made to select Nu Chanpheng and Travis Barrett. It was seconded and approved without objection.

III. Public Comments

1. A comment is made by a community member regarding her concern on the Bilingual Stipend.
2. Another community member urges the new leadership to send a message to the schools regarding their support for bilingual programming.
3. A member expresses her belief that Special Education has a bilingual program available at the campuses who need it.

IV. MEAC Member Comments

1. A MEAC member would like clarification regarding the Bilingual Stipend comment made by someone from the public.

2. A member provides a comment regarding the lack of Dual Language programs available in secondary campuses specifically magnet schools and Ann Richards.
3. An invitation is made to the committee by one of the members regarding the Pláticas which will take place for parents regarding Bilingual Programs.
4. The Secondary Dual Language coordinator provides a brief clarification of how the dual language program discussion has not really taken place at Ann Richards and how the attempt to add a Dual Language course can be difficult for schedulers.
5. A member of MEAC urges the new leadership, committee, and Multilingual Education to make Dual Language a successful program.

V. Multilingual Education Team Updates

The Executive Director for Multilingual Education provides a few brief comments on the overall question regarding implementation and thanks all who support the bilingual program. He introduces Austin ISD's new Chief Academic Officer and gives her the opportunity to speak to the committee.

VI. New Business

A. 2020-21 Strategic Priorities

The executive director provides a brief summary regarding the seven priorities found on the Strategic Priorities document. The document does include some of the work which has taken place over the years plus the goals that the department has this year.

VII. District Committee Reports

- DAC - No members have a report regarding this committee.
- ACPTA - A member makes an announcement regarding the listening sessions being offered regarding AISD funding.
- BFAC - There is not a report available at this time.
- Board Meeting Update - A member provides information regarding updates on the district scorecard which were discussed at the recent board meeting.
- SEAC - There are currently no members from MEAC who attend the SEAC meetings. One of the MEAC members volunteers to join the SEAC meetings to provide updates in the future for the committee.
- Dyslexia - There is not a report available at this time.

VIII. Review Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Co-Chair announces and welcomes agenda items which can be possibly added to the next meeting agenda.

1. Bilingual Stipend
2. Staff Shortage due to pandemic
3. Remote Learning/Face to Face Bilingual Program
4. AISD New Strategic Scorecard
5. ESL Campus Budgeting

6. Middle School Dual Language Programming
7. Bilingual Special Education
8. Survey to Parents regarding the decision to have DL at the campus
9. Parent/Campus Communication regarding staff changes, models and programming
10. Instructional Evidence Tool for current learning situation

IX. Adjournment

- A. Co-Chair moves to adjourn the meeting. The motion is seconded and approved without objection. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.
- B. Next MEAC meeting will be held on December 8, 2020 via Zoom from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.