

**Minutes
Education Area Team**

January 28th, 2008

1. Attendees: Al Lopez, Victor Ruiz, Ron Berger, Roberto Chavez, Jorge Gatica, Andres Gonzalez, Michelle Pizzuli, Haydeana Gaviria
2. The area team welcomed new member Michelle Pizzuli from Esperanza.

It was announced that Diana Del Rosario and Artemio San Martin are new members of the Hispanic Roundtable (HRT). Diana is also now one of the co chairs of the Education Sub committee of the HRT. Andres Gonzalez is no longer co chair of the Education sub committee; he has been reassigned to be chair of the Convencion 2007 Monitoring Sub committee. Andres spoke about his new role and requested that all area teams meet with him and plan out strategies to implement the area team resolutions. Al Lopez and Victor Ruiz will be meeting with Andres ASAP to further discuss the Ed. Area teams' plans.

3. It was decided to keep the three sub committee structure for the 2008 year. Sub committees will meet every other month, with special meetings as needed.
4. The Padres Unidos have been meeting every month. They have decided to meet every month for the 2008 year. Their meetings will be the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Meetings will be held at the Scranton library (At Scranton & Clark). Their meeting on January 14, 2008 was very successful. The Padres have a core of 15 regular attendees. Elections were held and Nelly Gonzalez is the new President.

The Padres reemphasized that OGT testing, mental health issues, and language barriers (even at the Convencion meetings and celebrations) are their most pressing problems.

The Padres wanted to have Dolly Velez continue working with them .A contract for 5 hours a month was given to Dolly. They still need help recruiting parents. They also are seeking training programs.

There is a concern with the restructuring of the CMSD Bilingual program. The Padres continue to feel they should be part of the group that advises the district. Natividad Pagan shared with the parents that the restructuring was put on hold until the new Chief Academic Officer gets acclimated to the District. The Padres will be involved, hopefully on a restructuring advisory committee.

Four Padre Unidos parents were authorized to attend a Bilingual Conference in Tampa Florida as part of the team of parents the CMSD was funding to represent the District. Dolly Velez was hired to be the parent coordinator for the Bilingual program.

The Padres have agreed to cosponsor the CSU Educational Forum (March 8th at Lincoln West), and to be a part of the panel discussing the days activities. The Forum will address OGT and ACT/SAT issues.

Victor shared that the Colectivo grant proposal, for the Padres, made the second round. Victor, Al and Nelly will be the representatives at the second round interview on April 5th.

5. The College and Universities sub committee shared it next steps.
 - Al Lopez and Nana Gaviria completed the final draft of the summary report. The report and an invitation to the next Dialogue will be sent out ASAP.
 - A copy of the report and the invitation will be will be mailed or given to the participants in January. 2008.
 - Invitations and reports will also be sent to all those who were invited but did not attend.
 - An individual meeting with B-W and John Carroll will be scheduled ASAP. The meeting with B-W is to follow up with President Durst. The reason for meeting

with John Carroll is that Jose Feliciano sits on the Board of Trustees and this is the last year of his term. If possible, the summary will be hand delivered to these Presidents.

- Work will begin on the planning for the next Dialogue, hopefully in early spring but no later than May.
 - Suggestions were made as to where to hold the next dialogue. Baker was suggested as a good neutral location.
 - It was suggested to try and find an intern or loaded person to help with this project, perhaps from one of the universities that attended the dialogue.
 - It was suggested to talk to ECHHO to see if they were interested in formally collaborating on this project.
 - It was suggested to try and secure some “champions” from the college’s presidents to help us get a better attendance at the next dialogue.
 - Roberto Chavez reported on the last NOCHE meeting; and provided a handout, of the meeting activities, for the area team.
6. Drop Out sub committee Report.
- Victor again stated that he *needs more team members* to volunteers for the drop out rate sub committee.
 - A meeting with Nelson Ramirez will be scheduled ASAP. Andres will facilitate this process. The committee has been made aware that Adelante in Toledo has received some state monies for drop out programs.
 - A volunteer is needed for the CMSD meeting on Feb. 4th.
7. Things to do.
- Attend meetings with B-W and John Carroll Presidents.
 - Send out Dialogue Summary and invites to the next Dialogue.
 - Meet with Nelson Ramirez
 - Attend Collectivo interview
 - Attend Padres meetings.
 - Meet with ECHHO

Announcements:

- CSU’s Latino Community Forum will take place on March 8th at Lincoln West.

- CCC's Educational Conference will be held on April 18, 2008

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2008; 6:00 PM. at WSEM (Please note this new meeting location)

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