

**Minutes
Education Area Team**

April 8,, 2008

1. Attendees: Al Lopez, Victor Ruiz, Ron Berger, Jorge Gatica, Eli Santiago, Judith De Crane, Dolly Velez, Nelly Gonzalez
2. Ed. Area Team plans and budget requests will be completed after the Area Team Co Chairs meeting on April 30.
3. Al Lopez asked for volunteers for Education Area co chair position. There is a need for a co chair starting on **January 1, 2009**. Al will be stepping down as co chair and Victor will continue as co chair through Convencion 2010.
4. The Padres Unidos continue to meet every month. 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).

Nelly Gonzalez, Victor & Al met with the Cleveland Collectivo on April 5th. The presentation went quite well; and Nelly must be commended for her quality presentation as President of Padres Unidos. Word of funding will come in early May.

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 will be part of CSU's community forum to be rescheduled ASAP. (March 8th was cancelled because of a snow day)

There is continuing 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.

The Padres received public speaking training from Joe Konen from Ohio State's extension center.

The Padres learned a lot in Tampa at the Bilingual conference. They created a psd to for recruitment. They are going to get it announced on local radio stations.

5. The College and Universities sub committee shared it next steps.
 - Al and Nana met to develop a plan of strategy to increase participation of the colleges and universities.
 - A copy of the report and the invitation was mailed or given to the participants attending in January. 2008.
 - Invitations and reports were sent to all those who were invited but did not attend. **The next Dialogue will be May 22, 2008.**
 - Individual meetings with B-W (4/4) and John Carroll (4/14) were scheduled. 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.
 - Baker was selected to be the location of the second Dialogue. .
 - It was suggested to talk to ECHHO to see if they were interested in formally collaborating on this project. Nana attended the ECHHO meeting on March 28th. ECHHO continues to focus on recruitment efforts. They will be invited to attend the next Dialogue.
 - It was suggested to try and secure some "champions" from the college's presidents to help us secure a better attendance at the next dialogue. The presidents of B-W and John Carroll will be approached to help with the next Dialogue.

6. Drop Out sub committee Report.
 - Victor again stated that he *needs more team members* to volunteers for the drop out rate sub committee.
 - The meeting with Nelson Ramirez took place on March 3, 2008. Much information was exchanged. Nelson agrees to stay in touch and also informed us that monies in Cleveland have only been dispersed through “CMSD Partners”. This sub committee will facilitate partnerships with selected Latino community agencies.
7. Things to do.
 - Attend meetings with B-W and John Carroll Presidents.
 - Attend Padres meetings.
 - Complete Dialogue follow up steps.
 - Select a new co chair
 - Encourage more Latino organizations to be involved with the Ed. Area Team.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2008; 6:00 PM. at RSVP (Please note this new meeting location)

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