

**Minutes  
Education Area Team**

**December 3, 2007**

1. Attendees: Al Lopez, Victor Ruiz, Ron Berger, Jamie Vega, Veronica Figueroa, Nelly Gonzalez, Paul Hederstrom Judith De Crane.
2. Committee members were thanked for all their hard work at Convencion 2007. A gift of appreciation was given to everyone present who did not attend the formal celebration at CSU. .
3. There will be an Education Area Team meeting every other month, with special meetings called as needed.
4. It was decide to keep the three sub committee structure for the 2008 year. Sub committees will meet every other month, with special meetings as needed.
5. 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 next meeting will be on January 14, 2008. Elections will be held and the year's agenda will be developed.
6. The Padres expressed that OGT testing and language barriers (even at the Convencion meetings and celebrations) are their most pressing problems.

The Padres want to have Dolly Velez continue to work with them .They still need help recruiting parents. They also are seeking training programs. There is a concern with the restructuring of the CMSD Bilingual program. They feel parents should be part of the group that advises the district. Nativadad Pagan will be contacted to get an update on the restructuring.

7. Victor Ruiz shared that Lincoln West and South high schools have been designated as primary schools of interest, because of a 40% graduation rate.
8. The College and Universities sub committee shared it next steps.
  - Al Lopez and Nana Gaviria will write the summary for the Universities & Colleges Dialogue.
  - A copy of the report will be mailed or given to the participants in January, 2008. Victor Ruiz and Paul Hederstrom may help with the mailings. Judith De Crane will seek a volunteer to transcribe the tape.
  - A meeting with B-W and John Carroll will be scheduled in January. 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. The summary will be hand delivered to the Presidents.
  - Work will begin on the planning for the next Dialogue, hopefully in early spring. Perhaps in March.
9. Drop Out sub committee Report:
  - Victor Ruiz met with Valentina Mickey for a CMSD update.
  - Victor stated that he *needs more team members* to volunteers for the drop out rate sub committee.
  - JR. Achievement met with Victor to discuss their program.
  - Victor passed out an article on the drop out rate.
  - Victor will write and submit a grant (for a amount of \$5000.00) to the Cleveland Colectivo to secure funds for the Pardes Unidos.
  - Victor, Andres and Al will schedule a meeting with Bob Ivory and Nelson Rameriz, to get an update on State monies for drop out programs.

**Announcements:**

- CSU's Latino Community Forum will take place on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April, 2008. CSU has asked for the teams input and help.
- CCC's Educational Conference will be held on April 18, 2008

**Our next meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2008, 6:00 PM.  
At CCC Western Campus, Room WSS G4B.**

Room G4B is located in the middle building, G (Galleria Building), on the bottom floor,  
across from the vending machines  
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