

Parent Involvement Advisory Board Minutes

For

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Call to order; Victoria Bryant, Emily Avila Ocasio, Harold Trujillo, Jonathan Levy, Adrian Hunter, Jonathan Levy, Toylee Green-Harris(arrived 6:20), Sergio Ramirez, Tracy Williams

Absent: Jauntaunne Byrd

Approval of minutes passed

Victoria asked the board to discuss and decide on no more than two priorities from the list of the top five submitted to the secretary(Emily Ocasio) for the PIAB. All five of the items were discussed. The following are the top two priorities that the PIAB agreed on:

- Communication within the PIAB team & parents and seek to involve more parents.
- Effective meeting techniques

Presentation:

Common Core – Elizabeth England from CPS office spoke about the understanding of the Common Core standards and their “shifts” and explained how the Common Core Standards are organized. Ms. England stated currently, 45 states and three territories have adopted the standards and plan to assess students progress on them during the 2014-2015 school year and this year ISAT contains 20% Common Core items. Also, teachers are planning their units and lesson from these curriculum guides using Common Core. Ms. England states parents should talk to your child’s teacher about the goal for the year and seek to understand the test data (strengths and weaknesses).

Resources we can access

www.corestandards.org

<http://parconline.com>

www.isbe.net

Policy Review – Dr. Stephanie Whyte Chief Officer, office of Student Health & Wellness spoke Sexual Health Education Policy. Dr. Whyte explained how Sexual Health Education is related to each grade level, K-4 is the foundational instruction including: anatomy and physiology, reproduction, healthy relationships and personal safety and from 5-12 expands on the foundational instruction to include: abstinence, healthy relationships, medically-recommended contraceptives, transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted infections (including HIV). Dr. Whyte also explained a change in the opt-out policy for parents. Parents can now opt their children out of specific lessons, where before they had to opt their child out of all

lessons. Parents will receive a list of lesson topics before the lessons commence. Parents of course can still opt their children out of all the lessons.

Dr. Whyte mentioned Cook County ranks 1st and 2nd for cases of gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia among all counties and cities in the United States.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm by Victoria Bryant