

February Minutes

2/11/25

6:14pm

- Pledge
- Introductions- quorum met, 5 members
- Review and Pass Minutes- October
 - Westglades, Eagle Point, Eagle Ridge school visit
 - Raz Kids tutorial
 - Motions to SB
 - DL program brochure
 - DL Night
 - Teacher survey
 - approved- Sara, Maria
- School Visits Review-
 - Tequesta Trace- established 7 years ago, 150 students, transition to 8 period block schedule- both cambridge and DL, additional activities, challenges- teacher shortage, financial constraints, DL class size, DL program coordinator position, LIA provides mentorship opportunities, use DL as a factor for school choice, parent involvement, committed to sustaining the program
 - Coral Springs Middle School- school choice school that's not at capacity, 6 period block schedule- can be in both Cambridge and DL, Spanish language classroom was print-rich and

engagement, no longer sharing a teacher with Westglades, 5th grade open house- advertise DL for the feeder schools

- Sea Castle- efficient, diverse school- not predominantly Hispanic, extra curricular activities, data driven decisions, teachers are grouped in 3's and rostered based on subject area, data chats based on assessments, school culture is strong
- SB Motions- add DL as a choice for the school choice application, add DL badge on the school websites- approved
- School Choice Survey- email sent to all DL schools towards the end of the choice window, 41 schools represented, 31 schools had people applying due to DL (see slideshow for details)
- Teacher Survey- anonymous, purpose of the survey is to receive feedback on the program, academic tools used
- DL Program Brochure- Sara worked on the brochure, a minimum of 90 minutes of Spanish daily, add students through 2nd grade
- Immigration Resources- immigration resources posted on the MAC website
- MAC Elections- elections every year for each position, candidates must be in person on March 18th, voting will be in April
- District Update- 5th grade screenings have begun at DL schools, every student has the opportunity to

take the assessment if they are in a feeder school for middle/high school, sample of the screener is on the MAC website, DL Night at Sawgrass Elementary- cancelled, DL Night at Panther Run- DL team brought games in Spanish during the Academic Game Night while children played the parents took a tour of the classrooms to meet with teachers

- BCPS Showcase- successful event, parents interested in DL program
- Public Statements-
 - Trisha- she has a 5th grader going to middle school at Falcon Cove, shared concern on how the program is structured. Manatee Bay principal has allowed a DL Committee led by teachers and parents. Paella Night as a showcase, Spelling Bee in Spanish, shirts, Dia de los Ninos, fundraising to provide events/programs for the DL program. Eagle Point also has a committee. Teachers are the chair and co-chairs and through the internal funds in the budget. Parents are a part of it as volunteers. Vendors have to be approved, food can be purchased from anywhere.
 - School visits- can the reports be shared with the public, Danielle explained that there is some information that cannot be shared, the committee will work on something to share about each DL school

- Idalina shared that she is working with the budget to propose
- IB- from Lakeside Elementary, administration at Walter C Young Middle School will be bringing back the DL model
- Chrissy- from Westglades, concerns that the program is not strong enough, kinder had 36 students and now 6th grade is at 6 students
- Discussion about AP courses, seal of biliteracy
- Meeting ended 7:50pm