

District 2 Bensenville Bilingual Parent Advisory Council

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 5-6pm

Address: Wesley A Johnson School

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- F. Adjournment

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In attendance:

Staff Members	Community Members
Shyla Kinhal	Brittany Pufundt
Mayra Rojas	Sharon Benavente
Diana Vergara	Alma Yadira Martinez Mendoza
Lara Schwarz	Kathy Cieczczak
	Ysdenny Rivera

A. Introductions

B. Overview: What BPAC is and Why You Should Join

What is BPAC?

A **BPAC (Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee)** is an **official committee required by the State of Illinois** for any district that runs a **Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)** program. It serves as a **voice for parents of multilingual learners** in planning, implementing, and evaluating bilingual and English Learner programs. The goal of the Bensenville's District 2 Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) is to support programs that serve English Learners and to advocate for the development of bilingual and biliterate students.

Why Should You Join?

- To maintain communication between the District and parents/guardians of students in its Multilingual Education Program.
- To provide parents/guardians of students in the District's Multilingual Education Program opportunities to learn about and comment on the program;
- To inform parents/guardians about the goals and benefits of bilingualism, biliteracy education, and English as a Second Language (ESL);
- To identify themes of interest to parents/guardians; and
- To review the annual Multilingual Service Plan

C. Brainstorming our Focus for this Year

Discuss the following questions with a partner:

1. What do you hope to learn or get from BPAC meetings this year?
2. What topics are you interested in discussing more or learning about?
3. What kind of information or workshops would be most useful to you?

D. Dates of Future Meetings

All meeting will take place from 5-6pm: February 12, April 16 and May 14

E. Gratitude Jar Activity

F. Adjournment