

MEAC MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2003

MEAC Attendance:

Janice Zelazo
Jesse Esparza
Christina Suarez

Daniel Escalante
Pam Duran
Ara Cruz

Kara Edin
Jesse Johnson
Dr. Garcia

NEXT MEAC MEETING: June 19, 2003
5:30 – 8:30
Educational Center

Major Decision:

New MEAC Mission Statement:

“To act as an advocate for ethnically and racially diverse students and parents by advising the school district, monitoring issues of institutional racism as they relate to academic, social, and cultural success and taking action as necessary.”

Minutes for May 15, 2003

Agenda Item	Category	Discussion Results	Outcome	Person Responsible
Public Comment 15 minutes Ara Cruz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Parent thought her child was discriminated against and a teacher was using inappropriate comments and statement that the parent and child thought were not necessary and discredit the Latino culture in general.	Parent was encouraged to: -follow non-discrimination policy; -request to meet with the principal; -contact MEAC for support, if needed; -contact Equity Department for additional support	Richard Garcia
Daniel Escalante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Boulder High MAC Daniel requested the support from MEAC concerning the cut of the MAC activities at Boulder High School. He asked if a MEAC member would participate in a meeting with the principal.	MEAC members volunteered to attend the meeting. Daniel will contact the members with the meeting date and time.	Daniel Escalante

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Approval of April 15, 2003 Minutes 5 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Approved without discussion.	Make sure Kara Edin is on email list.	Jesse Johnson
Curriculum 15 minutes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Barbara Conroy went over process for creating a course.	Please refer to bottom of page for detailed minutes concerning this item.	Barbara Conroy
Superintendent Report 15 minutes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Updates concerning budget and teacher negotiations.		Dr. Garcia
Equity Department Budget 15 minutes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Dr. Garcia and Pam Duran gave a brief update concerning the Equity Office Budget cuts.	Please refer to bottom of page for detailed minutes concerning this item.	Dr. Garcia Pam Duran
Mission Statement 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	New Mission Statement was voted on and accepted.	Mission will be printed on all MEAC documents	Executive Committee
MEAC Recruitment 15 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Members are asked to submit names of individuals who they feel might be interested in applying.	Equity Office will work on list of MEAC members who are no longer on the advisory board.	Executive Committee
MEAC Committees 20 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	No discussion, committees have not met.		
American Indian Update 15 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Pam and Janice gave a brief overview of the accomplishments for the 2002-03 school year.	Please refer to bottom of page for detailed minutes concerning this item.	
Announcements 10 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan/Coordinate <input type="checkbox"/> Decision		Parent Coalition Conference African American Youth Leadership update Next MEAC meeting June 19, 2003	

Barbara Conroy: Course Approval Process

- Teachers request a Course Proposal Form;
- Starts at building level and is developed by teachers from within the school. The proposal must include rationale, course description and proposal form must be completed before it is submitted to the principal;
- Process must involve and be signed off by the principal;
- Course proposal must be reviewed and accepted by the Content Curriculum Council.
- The Curriculum Advisory Council will make the final decision as to whether to offer the course at the school.
- The Curriculum Advisory Council meets only twice a year: December/April

Additional Comments

- The only way to offer the course at a district wide level is to provide the FTE to each high school;
- Responsibilities of the Equity Department:
 - Investigate potential teachers who are interested in developing a course;
 - Equity department will work with language arts curriculum council on book selection in the area of Latino literature;
 - Will be on MEAC Agenda during the month of September

Equity Department Budget

Questions from MEAC:

Are you going to hold firm that the Equity Department personnel be cut?

Response from Dr. Garcia:

Budget cuts must be made from all departments, Yes, I hold firm on these cuts: ...it may be cut.

Response from Pam Duran:

The Equity Department will have to re-evaluate and reform services that it is providing. At least we are not being cut in the areas of Minority Student Achievement Grant nor within the department's budget.

Other responsibilities of the Equity Department as recommended by MEAC:

1. Teacher of Color: Fall get together, teacher orientation (booths for MEAC)
2. Agenda for June: sub committee for MEAC informational packet. Jesse will be the lead and work with Janice and Kara.
3. Provide Minority Student Graduation/Dropout rates.
4. Provide information on numbers of BVSD Staff who are not returning or have been laid off.
5. Committee will send Pam the names of people to be placed on the recruitment list and will provide MEAC with a list of members who have retired from MEAC.