

# Parent Advisory Council Meeting



## MEETING MINUTES

<b>TIME</b>	4:00-6:00 p.m.
<b>DATE</b>	Tuesday, February 22, 2022
<b>LOCATION</b>	7014 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL – Multipurpose Room/Office
<b>LIST OF MEMBERS</b>	<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All in-person attendance: Administration-Mr. Funes, Staff-Mr. Oberdieck, Parents-Evelyn Bolden, Community Partner-Crystal Lopez (ISAC)</li></ul> <p><b>ABSENT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gloria Sayles, Brittney Kimbrough.</li></ul> <p><i>All members must be recorded as either present or absent in order to determine if a quorum was reached. If the governing board has any non-voting members, the member's non-voting status should be identified in the meeting minutes.</i></p>

### CALL TO ORDER & REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Mr. Funes called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

### MEETING MINUTES

- Opening Remarks & Introduction  
Mr. Funes greeted the parent and community partner and welcomed them to our Title I Night. Explained the raffle process for the opportunity to win a \$25 gift card to Jewel.
- Title I Night/ What is Title I Night  
We give families the opportunity to give feedback on the use of Title I funds to operate school-wide programs that serve all children in the school in order to raise the achievement of under-performing students.
- Student Services Presentation  
Mr. Funes mentioned that we had February graduates and spoke on the hard work that they accomplished. Although it was challenging, these students received support and pushed through. He then spoke on the upcoming Seniors that will be graduating in June and August. He displayed their names and stated that they will also face some of the same challenges, but that this time he wants to notify the parents of resources that are available to help support the students as they navigate the rest of the school year. He mentioned "Behind the Screen" a webinar that focuses on cyberbullying, prevention, how to be upstanders and mental health. Students and families could sign-up for that. There was also mention of Calculated Genius and their endeavors into engineering futures and the scholarships that they offer to students. Mr. Tyler is a huge proponent of this endeavor. Another mention involved the organization Ladder Up that parents can utilize for taxes and other financial aid awareness. Mr. Funes presented on the Learn.Plan.Succeed initiative, which is a graduation requirement, along with the completion of the FAFSA necessary to move on to post-secondary endeavors. Naviance is a tool that students use in moving closer to preparation which includes self-discovery, career exploration and academic planning. These initiatives affect SQRP, which is a school rating. There is LPS and the post-secondary options and required evidence necessary for completion. There is mention of a Southwest Airlines Internship that pays students and prepares them for a career with the airline. An additional opportunity for mentorship is available through C4ITA, in which we already have a student engaged in this program (A.V.). We

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would like more student involvement as it is paid, while they learn. We have two students in a CNA program that was offered to all students.

- **Presentation by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission**  
Crystal speaks on the options that financial aid can create and assist with, such as using FAFSA for a four-year college, two-year, vocational, or attainment of a certificate. Planning and paying for college. What is to be expected after students graduate from their choice of institution.
- **Community Feedback**  
The parent is interested in some of the opportunities for herself, as well as her student, and is curious to check in with ISAC to know the status of her student's FAFSA application.
- **Questions & Answers**  
Parent asks if she could meet with the ISAC representative.
- **Closing Remarks**  
Mr. Funes thanks everyone for coming and raffles the gift card. Evelyn Bolden won.
- **FAFSA Workshop**  
Evelyn Bolden begins her session with the ISAC representative.

## OPEN ISSUES

- The use of measurements such as assessments to decide what supports students that are under-performing need in order to find academic success.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Parental involvement in community partners and other endeavors within the school.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- *I want my son to participate in all of these opportunities. Please let me know what he has to do to join?*

## ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm