

Parent Advisory Council Meeting



AGENDA

TIME	4:30-5:30 p.m.
DATE	Wednesday, October 5th, 2022
LOCATION	7050 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL – Multipurpose Room/Gym
ATTENDEES	Administrators-Elisabethe Ocon, Lori Vega Hicks Parents: Alicia Hemphill-Manson, Shante Bass, Nichole Enge Students: Ollonzo Wilson-Dale, Elise Hunt, and Ashaunti Smith

AGENDA

- Opening Remarks & Introductions
- FAFSA: What is FAFSA
- FAFSA: How to fill out walkthrough
- Closing Remarks

OPEN ISSUES

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Ms. Vega addressed what does it mean to be a Title 1 school

OPEN ISSUES

NEW BUSINESS

- FAFSA: senior requirements

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FAFSA opened on October 1st. At part of senior requirements, students have to fill out the application or parents/adult student sign a waiver.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Vega opens the event and welcomes parents to Excel Southwest FAFSA Night.

Ms. Ocon introduces herself.

Ms. Vega begins addressing the purpose of the evening. FAFSA is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA opened on October 1. FAFSA determines how much federal aid is given to a student based on household income. Which is why we asked for you all to bring last yeasts tax return forms. Filling out FAFSA does not guarantee aid.

For today's meeting we will focus on getting the application started as it can be overwhelming, we will follow along with the PowerPoint.

Ms. Vega pulls up the FAFSA “how to” guide.

Ms. Vega points to the website that parents and students should be on. Once you are on the FAFSA website, go ahead and create an account, you can do an account as a parent or a student but just make sure that you remember your log in information.

Ms. O begins to circulate and support parents and students.

10 minutes go by

Ms. Vega addresses some of the common questions asked as a whole group:

- FAFSA will ask for personal information such as SSN
- FAFSA needs to be completed with the support of parents and tax information is needed
- If you created an account and it states that your SSN needs to be verified, this is something common. We will need to wait 2-3 days for FAFSA to verify the information. You will get an email.
- FAFSA will have you create a PIN, please ensure that you have that information

Some parents have to go through the verification process while others do not have the information needed to compete the FAFSA.

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Ms. Vega begins closing statement. While we were not able to complete the application, we were able to get started and we all have an account. We are all in different places and that is okay. Keep an eye out on your email and we will reconvene to complete the application. You can complete it on your own but if you have questions feel free to call the school.

We will still be here for the next 15 minutes if you have any specific questions on the application.

Ms. Vega adjourns the meeting.