

Parent Advisory Council Meeting



AGENDA

TIME	4:00-5:30 p.m.
DATE	Wednesday, November 11th, 2023
LOCATION	7050 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, IL – Math Room
ATTENDEES	Administrators- Lori Vega Hicks College & Career Coach: Jazzmine Howlette Parents: James Jones, Evelyn Bolden, Carmen Figueroa, Lissette Martinez, Isela Zamora, Marquita Mosley, Pejin Fermin, Tiffany Groves, Javette Lee, Sheena Brown, Ana Cruces Students: Kryshira Hill, Karon Hill, Courtney Woodson, Jarmarques Bolden, Elijah Ocasio, Nicole Concepcion, Marc Padilla, Emmaul Paul, Dontanay ‘Chrissy’ Mosley, Jomel Fermin, Gregory Wright, Natanya McGhee, Alejandra Barbosa

AGENDA

- Opening Remarks & Introductions
- FAFSA: What is FAFSA
- Major Changes for the Better with FAFSA
- FAFSA: How to create FAFSA ID
- **What Contributors Need to Complete the FAFSA**
- Closing Remarks

OPEN ISSUES

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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- Ms. Vega addressed completing the FASFA ID and FASFA application once it becomes available in December 2023.

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NEW BUSINESS

- FAFSA: senior requirements

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FAFSA opened in December 2023, but no date was given. As part of senior requirements, students must fill out the application or parents/adult student sign a waiver.

Today, students will create their FASFA ID and invite their parents via email to complete their FASFA ID.

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.

Jazzmine Howlette the College and Career Coach introduced herself.

Ms. Vega begins addressing the purpose of the evening. FAFSA is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA opened in December, but no dates were given. FAFSA determines how much federal aid is given to a student based on household income. For today's meeting we will focus on creating the students' FASFA ID. Once their ID is created a email will be sent to your students inviting you to complete your FASFA ID. We will follow along with 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. When you create that account as a parent, or a student make sure that you remember your log in information.

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.

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- FAFSA will have you create a PIN, please ensure that you have that information.

Ms. Figueroa had a problem with login in due to forget the login information for AO. So, the parents have to contact FASFA to reset the account.

Ms. Vega begins the 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 in December. You can complete it on your own but if you have questions feel free to call the school.

Ms. Howlette and I will still be here for the next 15 minutes if you have any specific questions on the application.

Ms. Vega celebrated the winners:

The first 5 students who brought their parents to the meetings will receive lunch on Benke. The students are:

Dontanay Mosley

Jamarques Bolden

Elijah Ocasio

Nicole Concepcion

Marc Padilla

First 2 parents arrive on time:

Evelyn Bolden

Carmen Figueroa

Ms. Vega adjourns the meeting.