



**Norma Harrington Elementary School**  
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School Site Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010  
6:00pm Public Meeting  
Harrington Elementary Cafeteria

- I. Welcome, Introductions, Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ms. DelCastillo at 6:10pm. Members present were: Perla DelCastillo, Debra Cordes, Carmen Hernández, Josephine Noyola, and Maritza Gutiérrez.
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Informal meeting, no quorum, unable to approve minutes.
- III. Reading and Approval of Agenda – Informal meeting, no quorum, unable to approve agenda.
- IV. Committee Reports & School Update
  - a. Principal's Report
    - i. **General Information**
      - \*Read Across America Day today, community members (Councilman Andres Herrera) and volunteers read to the students. Upper grade classes were also matched up with the primary grades and they did team reading.
      - \*6<sup>th</sup> grade students that are in the ASP just participated in a basketball tournament. The city sponsored tournament is now over. Some of the school advanced and are now participating in the Rotary tournament.
      - \*One of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students represented Harrington in the district African American speech contest. She did her speech on Michael Jackson; she dressed like him, sang and danced.
      - \*March 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school; students will be on spring break for 2 weeks, and returning to school on April 12.
      - \*Intersession will be available for several classes. Intersession will be for one week, from April 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Students that are being recommended to attend intersession will be receiving a notice from the teacher.
      - \*March 24<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day due to conferences. Conferences are only for students who are at risk of retention or a below basic in all academic areas.

\*Budget is currently uncertain. There will be layoffs, however, we are unsure how many. Teachers will be notified if they will be laid off by 3/12/10.

\*Students are still be given assessment tests, these tests are necessary to determine which areas students need additional assistance in. In the last round of testing that was given 50% of the students should score proficient or above. Test scores are as follows in Language Arts: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 36%, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 50%, 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 22%, 5<sup>th</sup> grade: 31% and 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 53%. Math scores are as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 39%, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 41%, 4<sup>th</sup> grade 34%, 5<sup>th</sup> 22%, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade 43%.

\*CELDT testing scores are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> grade 67%, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 31%. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 38%, 4<sup>th</sup> grade 78%, 5<sup>th</sup> grade 69%, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade 65%. These scores indicate the percentage of students that have increased their CELDT scores by at least 1 level. The goal is to have all students fluent in English.

\*Bilingual classes are being taught differently this year. The teachers explained that they are working more on phonemic awareness, both written and oral. In past years all English that was taught was oral and not written. Math is taught in English also. Teachers are preparing them for English, but they are still working on their Spanish skills, so students do not lose their native language.

Questions from parent: How do the teachers think the new plan is working?

Answer: It is the first year, so there is no concrete data yet, but they see that it will help the students to be better prepared for the CST.

\*Soria Elementary is implementing the Dual Immersion Program.

This program teaches non English speaking students, English and non Spanish speaking students, Spanish. This program is different from the bilingual program at the other schools.

\*Principal informed SSC that she will be buying desks and chairs for the school. We are getting new students daily and we do not have enough desks and chairs for all the students.

## **ii. Leadership**

\*The teachers are getting ready for the CST which will be given in May.

\*Intersession will be offered, there will be about 4 classes.

\*Teachers will be scheduling conferences for students who are at risk of retention.

\*Teachers have been discussing the pros and cons of the new assessment test – DIBELS.

**iii. SB65 – Outreach Specialist**

\*Big Smiles Dental will be here a on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to provide treatment to students who do not have dental insurance. Parents are encouraged to sign the permission slip for their students to receive treatment.

\*NfL is also providing dental services to families that have children under 5. Interested families can make an appointment with our NfL Liaison, Pamela Lopez.

\*The Tobacco bus was here today to present the effects of smoking to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Student docents were trained to assist in with the tours of the bus.

\*Support for the Kids will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for all our students on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents can volunteer to come and help at this event.

**iv. ELAC representative**

\*Report was distributed at the DLAC meeting explaining to parents how to read their students CELDT scores.

**V. Action items:**

\*None at the time.

**VI. School Site Concerns:**

\*Parents are concerned regarding the possible layoffs of teachers and how that is going to impact their students. Parents would like to draft a letter and have as many parents sign it as they can and submit it to the Board.

**VII. Items for Future Agenda:**

None

**VIII. Set next meeting date:**

Next meeting will be in April, date to be determined. Parents will be notified once the date is set.

a. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.