

**Meeting Notes**  
**Equity & Access Committee**  
**April 26, 2018**  
**3:45 p.m.**

- **Welcome / Introductions** – Jerry Cummins, Ruthell Martinez, Angel Ruiz Erin Dorso, Virginia Romfh, Mary Campbell, Andrew Rodriguez, Margarita Banderas, Malinda Dean, Bill Erickson, Jacqueline Alonso, Maria Pedroza, Ron Higgins, Brenden Koch, David Hampson, Ana Carvajal, Wade Smith, Victor Vergara

- **Bilingual Department – Equity and Access, Bilingual Education, and Community Outreach - Program update, changes and progress** - Victor Vergara – shared information regarding the changes that were implemented this year to the district’s Dual Language program. As always.....changes bring challenges...but overall things have gone quite well. Please see link below for a copy of his presentation.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7x1gPOjOCpLQWhyel9nUHNQVN0UDNIRG5TaC1Na25BM21v/view?usp=sharing>

Victor also shared some of the work Marilyn has accomplished this year as the Latino Outreach Coordinator. He also shared the progress made on suggestions generated by the Equity and Access Committee.

- **Walla Walla Latino Alliance – Graduation celebration for Latino Club members and Latino AVID students** - Marilyn Melgoza – Victor shared that a “celebracion” is being planned for AVID and Latino club seniors to recognize their hard work and accomplishments. The event will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on the Wa-Hi campus.
- **Athletic Pass For Low Income Families – Update** - Wade Smith reported that upon further investigation, legal counsel has advised the district that offering athletic passes to low-income families would be construed as a “gift of public funds” as public dollars would be applied to families instead of the student.

Discussion followed in regards to the feasibility of finding a non-profit that could fund passes, thus it would not be a school-sponsored program.

- **Minority Student Participation in AP / Honors / AVID / Hi Cap programs - Ron Higgins** – shared Wa-Hi data regarding the ethnicity gap that exists regarding AP / Honors / College Prep course enrollment. Pete Peterson provided information on K-12 Hi Cap numbers and the challenges that exist with a lack of ethnic representation. On a more positive note, the committee heard that a large majority of AVID students are Latinos.

Discussion followed on strategies that could be implemented to increase ethnic representation at all levels and in all programs. See link below for current numbers.

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- **Reports –**
  - **Latino Club – Wa-Hi – Bill Erickson** – reported on the Cinco de Mayo event to be held at Wa-Hi on Friday, May 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. As always...he can use volunteers...especially for the dance.
  - **Latino Club – Pioneer – Javier Hernandez** – no report
  - **LEAP Ambassadors – Melito and students – Ana Carbajal** reported on the recent LEAP Conference held in Tacoma and their legislative visit to Olympia.
  - **Wa-Hi Student – Jacky Alonso** – Maria Pedroza, a newcomer to Wa-Hi shared some of the challenges she has faced as a student trying to learn English and adjust to a new country. Maria is enjoying her Wa-Hi experience and looks forward to furthering her education. For a copy of her presentation...please see attachment.

- **Your suggestions and concerns**

- **Meeting Schedule for 2018-19**

- Thursday, Sept 27, 2018
- Thursday, Nov 29, 2018
- Thursday, Jan 24, 2019
- Thursday, April 25, 2019