

## **Minutes from our EAC Meeting February 18, 2021**

Our meeting began at 4:00pm and there were 35 individuals present in the zoom meeting.

After a brief welcome, **The Social Emotional Learning Team** with WWPS shared information about their program. This included introductions, mission statement, homevisit strategies, a focus on their approach, strategies for assessing general well-being (the 4 Es) and information on mental health (including resources, challenges and examples of ways students are supported).

### **We received several updates from our student members/groups:**

#### **Latino Club**

Regina Estrada and Evelyn Mendez- Social Media Coordinators

Latino Club these past few months has worked on giving as many opportunities as we can to help the members. We also have given out information and important programs to the members so that they can continue to participate in the community.

- Volunteer Opportunities- We have talked about the Messages of Hope where we plan to make a sign with inspirational quotes or images for all community members to be able to see as they pass Wa-Hi
- We have also included a few job opportunities with the City of Walla Walla, and within Wa-Hi.
- We regularly have guest speakers to give advice and new knowledge to the Latino Club members about college and how they have handled staying active in their community throughout this pandemic.

#### **YEOC**

Perla Olmos-Alfaro- YEOC Mentee

YEOC stands for Young Executives of Color, and is a program hosted by the Foster School of Business at

UW. This program is for high achieving students of colors, and it's where they teach students about business while connecting them with large companies in Seattle.

- Recently we got to work on a Marketing Case, where we had to sell our idea to a company. We had weeks of working hard on these projects and my group got to make an app for our case.
- We plan in the future to continue these projects, and students will also have many opportunities to earn prizes.

#### **LEAP**

Perla Olmos-Alfaro- LEAP Ambassador

Latino/a Educational Achievement Project is a project in Seattle. This program is open to Latinx students who are interested in advocating for their community. The program has monthly meetings, where we have training and gain knowledge on how to educate students from all over Washington on how to advocate and how laws are made. There isn't an update this month, but we do plan to have a conference virtually on Zoom to advocate to our Legislators and the legislative aids.

## **ASB**

Jaden Bergevin- ASB President

In ASB, we have been focusing a LOT on mental health. We now start our classes off with personal check-ins and various mental health activities. We have created new groups:

- **Campus life-**
    - This group has made posters and signs for returning students at the elementary schools, middle schools, and the high school, and painted the spirit rock. They are now working on a campus tour video to help students find their way around, and are on call to help with graduation and Blue Devils Northwest as that approaches.
  - **Competitions-**
    - Starting an ongoing competition between all 4 classes doing various things (scavenger hunts and video games and kahoots)
  - **Sources of Strength-**
    - Putting together 1-minute videos to post on our social media platforms where students are giving their advice on ways they improve their mental health. They are also working on creating positive posters to put up around school campuses.
  - **Recognition/ Appreciation-**
    - This group is broken into two subgroups. The First group is finishing up their cards and balloons to give to the WaHi kitchen staff to thank them for all of the hard work they are doing. They are also customizing fun coffee mugs along with facemasks to give to custodians.
    - The second group has taken over the Humans of WaHi page, which is dedicated to highlighting WaHi students and staff. They are also working with teachers and counselors to recognize a student in each grade for Students of the Week. Those students get a certificate and a pizza coupon from Big Cheese
  - **Social Events-**
    - Just last Friday they had their first virtual movie night. Kids signed up to join a Netflix Party where they got to watch the movie, Fifty First Dates.
- ASB as a whole created over 300 Valentine's Day cards and delivered them to Odd Fellows just last week. They were SUPER grateful for the cards, so we are definitely going to work on finding more projects like this to do in the future!

Lastly, Dr. Perrón shared information about a “**Diversity is our Strength**” recognition that we hope to launch in an effort to support student efforts in areas of equity, inclusion, social justice and diversity. She encouraged committee members to share ideas and input with the Equity and Dual Programs department about this recognition.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

**The next Equity and Access Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29 from 4:00- 5:00 pm via zoom.**