

**Agenda**  
**Equity & Access Committee**  
**November 28, 2017**  
**3:45 p.m.**

- **Welcome / Introductions** – Julie Perron, David Hampson, Victor Vergara, Mark Higgins, Malinda Dean, Sandy Flores, Karen Maldonado, Edlyn Carvajal, Jacky Alonso, Kim Kelsey, Joaquin Avalos, Pam Clayton, Virginia Romfh, Sergio Hernandez
  
- **Bilingual Education / Latino/a Outreach Department – Marilyn** Marilyn shared several outreach activities she has been involved with. They include; attending a leadership conference in Yakima with 60 middle school students, working with Latino Club officers on a leadership retreat and assisting with Edison’s open house to name a few.
  
- **Student Participation....Athletics - Dirk Hansen** – led us in a discussion regarding student participation in athletics, especially our students of color. As we know, one of the pillars of the strategic plan calls for a “Safe and Engaging Environment”. Dirk started the discussion by sharing some of the things the district has enacted to increase student involvement. They include: reduced participation fee at the high school, eliminated the participation fee at the middle school, a family ID pass, started middle school soccer for both boys and girls, more coaches of color, sports assemblies to encourage school spirit and involvement, robo calls to remind families of sport sign-ups.  
  
After much discussion regarding the elimination of possible barriers that keeps students from participating, several suggestions were made. They included:
  - Consideration of a reduced price pass for F/R families
  - More involvement by HS athletes in MS and Elem events
  - Survey students to see if transportation is a barrier
  - Explore the possibilities of a baseball team at Lincoln
  - Coaches reaching out specifically to underrepresented students
  
- **Digital Amigos/as Update – Kim Kelsey** – Kim Kelsey updated the committee on the Digital Amigos/as blog writing her students are doing with adult volunteers. Currently Kim has 15 adults blogging with her students and is impressed by the quality of the student’s writing. Other volunteers have come to her class and shared their “story” with her students. Kim reported there is still a need for more volunteers in both areas.

- **Board Funding – Safe and Engaging Environment** – tabled until next meeting.
- **2017-18 Student Data Info** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Reports –**
  - **Wa-Hi Students** – Edlyn Carvajal and Karen Maldonado shared some of the school related activities they have been involved in and their plans to go on a study tour to Iceland with their teacher.
- **Book Study** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Your suggestions and concerns** – Virginia asked for suggestions on how to get more Latino students to their dances. The committee offered suggestions, including the amount and type of music “Mexican” music played at the event.
- **Meeting Schedule:**
  - **Thursday, Jan 25, 2018**
  - **Thursday, April 26, 2018**