

Meeting Notes
Equity & Access Committee
September 28, 2017
3:45 p.m.

- **Welcome / Introductions**

- **Post-Secondary Enrollment, Completion and Remediation** – Wade shared information regarding our district's post-secondary, completion and remediation data. The data shows that while WWPS sends more kids off to college than the state average, the remediation rate for our students is higher than the state average. Wade also mentioned that Wa-Hi's Latino population has one of the highest college-bound rates in the state. More information can be found at the following link.
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15dce17b88f52cbf>

- **Bilingual Education / Latino/a Outreach Office** – Victor Vergara, the new director of Bilingual Education and Latino/a Outreach shared with the committee his appreciation for the opportunity to work for WWPS and its students, families and community. He also shared a bit of his personal story and his vision for the Bilingual Ed office. He also mentioned how impressed he is with the enthusiasm, support and work of the Equity & Access Committee.

Dr. Vergara joined the district after spending 17 years as a dual language teacher middle school principal and most recently as HS principal in the Woodburn, OR school district. He recently completed his doctoral studies at Portland State U.

- **Latino/a Outreach Coordinator** – Marilyn Melgoza, the new Latino/a Outreach Coordinator for the district shared some of the work she has been doing since joining the district. She also spoke about her vision for newly created position.

Marilyn is a WW kid having attended Blue Ridge, Garrison and Wa-Hi before attending Gonzaga, from where she graduated in May.

- **Digital Amigos** – Kim Kelsay, ESL teacher at Wa-Hi, shared her Digital Amigos project and call for volunteers willing to spend 2-3 hours a month blogging with her students. For more information, please see the following link:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XTBfudIzQCV5X5_AGVJjBszpIOfL9T0HunNXwSjApI/edit?ts=59cc6d51#slide=id.p

- **Día de los Muertos** – Ron Williams & Nelly Pilares shared information regarding the Oct 21-22 Dia de los Muertos Festival. They also expressed the need for more volunteers. If you can help...please contact Ron at rwilliams@wallawalla.org For more info on the DDLM, please go to the following link:
http://calendar.visitwallawalla.com/event/dia_de_los_muertos_festival_downtown_walla_walla#.WdJcvWhSzcs
- **Board Funding – Safe and Engaging Environment** – this item was tabled until the Nov 28 meeting.
- **Reports** –
 - **LEAP** – Ana Carbajal a Wa-Hi senior and LEAP Ambassador shared the work she is doing with the Latino Educational Advancement Project (LEAP). She has attended several training and planning sessions this year in preparation the annual conference in February, which is held in Olympia/Tacoma.
 - **Latino Club** – Bill Erickson reported that all is going well with the Latino Club and that the members are very busy this year with various activities.
- **Book Study** – this item was tabled until the Nov 28 meeting.
- **Your suggestions and concerns**
- **Next Meeting** – **Tuesday, Nov 28, 2017**
 - **Thursday, Jan 25, 2018**
 - **Thursday, April 26, 2018**