

**AISD/City of Austin
Task Force on Education and the Quality of Life
in Austin for Hispanic Students**

**Meeting of March 22, 2006
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 223
ACC, Highland Business Center**

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Rick Burciaga, Eyna Canales-Zarate, Janis Guerrero, John Limon, Veronica Rivera, Angela Valenzuela, Linda Velasquez

Others in Attendance:

John Moore, Della May Moore, Joey Crumley, Justin Fried

Proceedings:

- Dr. Guerrero provided a brief overview of items on the meeting agenda, including planning for the upcoming public forum and updates on the draft task force report and online survey.
- The first order of business was planning for the upcoming public forum. Discussion points included:
 - The forum will be in the Council Chambers at City Hall, and it will be televised and recorded
 - The City Demographer will be in attendance and will be displaying several graphics
 - The District Translator will be at the forum
 - A PowerPoint presentation on the draft report will be provided in English and Spanish
 - In addition to signing in all attendants, have cards for those who wish to speak and for those who wish to provide written comments; also allow people to give their email addresses if they wish to receive updates
 - During the welcoming, acknowledge VIPs in the audience as well as task force members
 - Have opening remarks by the Mayor and Superintendent
 - Spread responsibilities around among the task force members
 - Provide a greeting in Spanish as part of the welcoming
 - Staff will draft opening and closing remarks
- Joey Crumley summarized the results of the online survey to date. He reported that the majority of respondents were AISD employees. He also said the majority of respondents indicated that they were Hispanic. He said about 700 people had taken the survey in English, but only a dozen had taken it in Spanish; however, many of the people who took the survey in English indicated that they were proficient in Spanish.

- Joey Crumley stated that the draft report included the most recent version of the task force's recommendations. He said there were still some sections that would be completed at a later point, including the executive summary, results of the online survey, and results of the upcoming community forum and online comments on the public review draft.
- There was some discussion among the members over the recommendations, and certain modifications were made. To facilitate the meeting, Dr. Guerrero asked members to provide any other suggested changes via email.
- Dr. Guerrero said that a written update was provided to the Joint Subcommittees of the AISD Board of Trustees and Austin City Council on March 27. She said the final task force report was scheduled to be presented to the Joint Subcommittees on June 13.
- Dr. Guerrero said the task force calendar would be revised to reflect the community forum and additional meetings.
- Task force members requested to look at their opening and closing remarks prior to the community forum.
- The next meeting of the task force was scheduled for May 17. However, members indicated that they may want to hold additional meetings, both before and after the community forum.