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Bilingual Advisory- November 16, 2011

Purpose Statement: The purpose of the SPS Bilingual Advisory is to continually address the improvement of ELL student success academically. This will be accomplished by focusing on the improvement of curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices.

Bilingual Advisory

- The Sterling Public School's Bilingual Advisory will provide an opportunity, through our Parent's as Educational Partners classes, for parents to gain knowledge related to school process and procedures as well as academic English by May of 2012.
- The Sterling Public School's Bilingual Advisory will discuss and provide various opportunities for our students and parents to become involved in community, school and family activities by May of 2012.
- The Sterling Public School's Bilingual Advisory will create a bimonthly parent newsletter for families in order to enhance home-school communication.

1. Introductions

Members Present: Eraelvo Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, Esthela Ibarra, Jose Gonzalez, Sara Dail

2. SMART Goals for 2011-2012 school year

- The team reviewed the current SMART goals for the Bilingual Advisory and discussed the current progress on each goal.
- Suggestions included holding the PEP Program at Washington in hopes of more parents being able to attend due to the proximity of their homes. The group decided that the next Bilingual Advisory Meeting, being held on January 11, 2012, would be held at Washington.

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- Prior to this meeting, a copy of the SMART goals and the PEP informational sheet will be sent to all families of our Bilingual students in order to invite them to the meeting.

3. Parental input on Sterling Public School's Bilingual Program

- Parents reported they were very pleased with the Bilingual Program at Sterling Public Schools.

4. Bilingual Parent Night

- The group discussed the need for a Fall Family Night as well as a Spring Family Night. During the next Bilingual Advisory Meeting, a topic will be planning the Spring Family Night.

5. Parents as Educational Partners (PEP)

- The group discussed the PEP program and is currently pleased with the status of the program and the progress the attendees are experiencing. It was noted that students and parents are able to work and study together.
- A goal of the group is to increase the number of participants by holding the class at Washington School as opposed to Jefferson School.

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