

Meeting with the Jicarilla Apache Nation Legislative Council follow-up – meeting



was on January 18, at 9:30 am. Completed from the agenda were:

- signed Waiver for Indian Policies and Procedures, Tabled items:
- the MOA between DISD and JANLC – currently submitted by Dr. Marcella Talamante to be on the next JANLC meeting agenda as a non-JAN department item
- DISD lease renewal – actively being worked on by Carole Gomez (DISD) and Lane Oka (JAN)

February planning –

- Testing – ACCESS for ELs testing window is open and DISD began testing January 24. It may be a little longer of a window before completion of testing.
- Elementary Istations ISIP first of the month assessments.
- Calendar Committee planning – first steps to plan the 2023-2024 School budget Calendar Committee – meetings are now scheduled at 1:30 pm every Tuesday, from February 14 to March 21 – hopefully having a calendar proposal to be on the agenda for the school board meeting March 21
- February 16th, Thursday, at 7pm - Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet for our community in the Dulce High School Auditorium. Tickets are free and are available on a first come first serve basis at the door. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
- February 17 – Friday PD - Virtual TNTP Math Accelerated Learning for all district math teachers & Presentation to DMS & DHS staff by Lori Muniz
- February 24 – Friday PD – PLC Meetings – each group is required to turn in documented and individualized student tracking
- March 10's full day of PD is finishing up the CPI training for all staff and having an in-person TNTP Math training - "Understanding and Implementing a Strong Vision for Excellent Mathematics Instruction"

School Updates – all three schools are having Parent Advisory Committee meetings once a month –

DES – 1st Wednesday of each month

DHS – 2nd Wednesday of each month

DMS – 3rd Wednesday of each month

Each meeting is from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm to help families attend during their lunch break.

School Happenings:

DES – Mindful movements update: about 80% of classes participate in the mornings are from 8 am to 8:20 am. It was supposed to be mandatory for all students and staff as a “thinking outside the box” effort to help students’ awareness and academic learning. I have been addressing full participation to help with proficiency levels. This is an effort based on a book called “SPARK” by John J. Ratey, MD with Eric Hagerman,

DES after school tutoring, Monday – Thursday, 4 pm to 5:15 pm, has added another class titled “Special Learning Program in Sports”. Students in grade level classes are selected by referral for added academic support.

DMS – Has corrected the schedule discrepancy in scheduling students and EL services. A section of history was also added.

A check up was done on substitute availability, as it was discovered there was a shortage on substitutes. I recommended to call the elementary to see if an arrangement can be made to support DMS.

DISD Schools secretary / administrative assistant training update with NWREC2 trainer, Mrs. Bobbie Gutierrez. It was in Dulce on February 2, 2023. Ms. Gutierrez met me in Santa Fe and gave nothing but positive feedback about the training. It is nice to reference training when situations arise. More trainings to come.

Land of Language and Culture

48th Annual New Mexico Association for Bilingual Education Conference

April 13-15, 2023
Clyde Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

"Bilingual Educators are leaders in their communities, from our larger cities to the most rural regions. Coming together at this statewide conference builds a space to collaborate, share, and learn together"
– Dr. Elisabeth Valenzuela, NMABE Executive Director

Keynote Presenters

Dr. Socorro Herrera

Joaquín Argüello de Jesús

"Chili" Yazzie

Susanna Ibarra-Johnson

José Reyes

NMABE Presentation in April in Albuquerque by DISD teachers update. First grade teachers and Dr. Marcella Talamante, will present Saturday, April 15. The teachers will attend with a one-day rate. The presentation is called “Culturally Linguistic and Relevant Education Place Based and Project Based learning in Dulce classrooms”. NMABE is the New Mexico Bilingual Association for Education. They hold a bilingual education conference annually and a symposium annually in February in Santa Fe during the legislative sessions.

Survey update: The community survey has been launched and advertised. This survey was written by Dr. Marcella Talamante and will be used in a number of ways to improve the district. If you have any ideas for classes to be engaged in student learning, stay tuned for to give your ideas on the survey.

My Thoughts updated:

- **Increase our PreK classroom** by expansion (construction) and class size to 14 from 10 students while adding an EA to the class.
- **Rotate downstairs offices** – SPED, Superintendent office, security/I.T. will not happen. All offices will remain where they are, as the security director’s desk is now facing the main entrance and is in the I.T. office.