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AISD Multilingual Education Advisory Committee (MEAC)

December 4, 2018



Budget stabilization – recommendations about cuts that would be beneficial, but have no support issues, the votes the committee took and has report around recommended cuts, savings opportunities. No support for increasing class size.

Stabilization task force has stopped meeting.

DAC Highlights – Dyslexia and Sped presentation was requested.

Superintendent will make recommendations on budget.

Dr. Cruz made PowerPoint summarizing top 3 priorities from board of trustees that will base budget priorities.

Bilingual students test differently than monolingual children. Remind Board of Trustees that bilingual learners are in a biliterate zone. This means they will not get the same score or grades as monolingual children. Long term results will not immediately be known.

STAAR testing is conducted in Monolingual Spanish and Monolingual English. 91 languages are not represented in STAAR testing.

Provide transparency in the issues that are happening with the district. There is no stated commitment.

Imagine Learning: Report from Mr. Góngora and Dr. Alanis on the effectiveness of the program in the elementary and secondary schools. Imagine Learning is accessible to all students in AISD. A representative has been on the campuses assisting implementation of the program.

Dr. Kauffman recommended forming subcommittees to provide recommendations by programs. The subcommittees would be: Elementary DL and ESL, Secondary DL and ESL, World Languages and Newcomer/Refugee.

Coordinators were selected for each subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next MEAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at Martin Middle School Library from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.