

Title 1 Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Location: Wharton Dual Language Academy

1. Welcome and Title 1 Overview

Principal Veronica Celedon welcomed parents and provided a brief overview of Title 1, highlighting how funds support student academic achievement and enhance educational equity.

2. Independent Review Team Findings

- The review team visited eight classrooms on February 5, 2025.
- The school received an impressive overall score of **9.75**.
- Strengths identified:
 - Effective monitoring and adjustment strategies
 - Safe, supportive, and engaging learning environments
- Next steps include providing teachers with more time for planning and internalizing lessons.

3. Mid-Year MAP Assessment Overview

- Spanish Reading: Assessed for grades 2-5
- English Reading and Science: Assessed for grades 2-8
- Math: Assessed in Spanish for K-4 and in English for grades 5-8

4. Teacher Excellence System (TES) Update

- Ms. Syreeta Lazarus shared updates from the January SDMC meeting.
- Teachers participated in discussions and voted on TES frameworks.
- Anonymous district surveys continue to gather teacher feedback.

5. Gifted and Talented Expo Details

- Scheduled for **March 7th at 8:45 AM**.
- Students will present research-based projects evaluated by a campus-specific rubric.
- The top three projects will advance to the district GT Expo.

6. Magnet Program Updates

- Enrollment procedures and application deadlines were discussed.
- Reminder: The K-12 application window closes on **February 12, 2025**.
- PK application window opened on **January 22, 2025**.

7. Message to the HISD Community

- Assurance that Wharton DLA follows all HISD safety and privacy protocols.
- Student information is protected under **FERPA** and shared only through approved legal processes.

8. Black History Month Program

- Celebrated with performances and educational events throughout February.

9. Parent Support Workshop – DePelchin Children’s Center

Presented by **Mr. Jerome Madison** on:

- Parent-child relationships
- Parenting styles
- Communication strategies
- Couple and co-parenting dynamics

10. PTO Updates

- Announcements of upcoming fundraising events and volunteer opportunities.

11. From the Desk of Ms. Banks

- Shared campus updates and highlighted staff achievements.

12. Q&A Session

Parents asked about the GT Expo selection process and mid-year assessment results.

13. Closing Remarks

Principal Celedon closed the meeting with appreciation for the continued support from families and community members.