

EHTP's Parent Council

Just as PTA's are the main way for parents to get involved in their children's schools, EHTP's Parent Council will provide EHTP Participant Parent's a place to share ideas, be involved in their child's after school experience, and enrich the EHTP Community. With the ultimate goal for the three after school programs: elementary, middle, and high school being that participants will graduate on time and be ready to succeed in the next level of their education, and be accepted to the next level of school of their choice, EHTP parents will be actively engaging in a series of activities directly linked to those goals.

Parents will participate in after school special events (end of year showcase, Halloween celebration, other program celebrations), workshops will be offered to parents around topics such as financial aide, applications process for middle and high school, as well as college. Workshops will also cover test taking best practices for parents and for children, eating healthy, financial literacy, and Parents will go on college tours.

EHTP will ensure that this process supports all types of parents in various situations. The organization will provide child care during meetings and workshops, refreshments at events, translators for non-English speaking participants, and other support as identified.

The Outcomes for EHTP' Parent Council are:

1. All of EHTP Parents will commit to ensuring their children attend and participate in all aspects of EHTP's program
2. All of EHTP Parents will understand and embrace EHTP's goals for their children
3. All of EHTP Parents will work as partners with EHTP staff to advocate for their child with school system and other institutions
4. Every Parent will attend an orientation and at least 2 workshops or Open School Night @ EHTP during the program year
5. 30 Parents will volunteer to support one EHTP event in the program year
6. 20 Parents will improve their own professional and literacy skills via EHTP or other referenced programs

(Outcomes 1 - 4 are to be adjusted as Marilyn works with Sara from TRI. These must have a specific number tied to it.)

Workshops

Health – Diabetes, Health, Healthy Eating, Ensuring you have medical coverage, teen/adolescent health services, mental health services, Sexting: Safeguarding children

from misuse of technology,

Principle Reason: Students who go away to college must be geared with the knowledge of what they need to take care and keep themselves healthy so that they can continue to succeed in college. Teach the parent and the parent will teach the child very early on.

Financial Literacy – Financial aid, banking, budgeting, understanding and repairing your credit

Principle Reason: Students who go away to college have to learn to manage their finances, understand the importance of balancing a checkbook. If they can successfully manage their finances this does not become a deterrent to finishing their education.

Schools and Education - Conversations between Parents and Teachers, Helping Parents be prepared to support their children during test taking season, Homework Help training - tips for parents on how to help their children, Open School Nights @ EHTP

Principle Reason - To support parents as they support their children in school

Adult Education Programs – ESL, Parent College Tours, Family Communications, other

Principle Reason – Access for parents to begin to visualize what opportunities exist for their children. The earlier on in the process parents realize that these are possibilities for their children the stronger the partnership with EHTP, in working with the participants from an early age in understanding their full potential.

Staff to Support Parent Council

Marilyn Navarro and Carlos Velazquez

Parent Council Committees

- Empowerment and Education
- Advocacy and Community Development
- EHTP Special Events

Board to Support Parent Council

Mildred Baez - *To be Confirmed*

Parent Council Leadership

If Mildred Baez does accept, we would ideally like her to be the head of the Parent Council for the first year. EHTP staff would identify one other lead parent to work with Mildred throughout the year, and to be the successor to Mildred after the first year. Every year there would be two parents running the council. The lead and the next year lead in training. They would be called co-chairs.

Co-Chairs - Will act as the main point of contact between parents/guardians and between the staff at the organization. To ensure that all parent voices are represented in the development of workshops and programming for parents at EHTP.

The Parent Council will be lead by co-chairs. Each co-chair will serve a two year overlapping term so that a new co-chair is added each year (with the exception of year one, where co-chair #1 will be Mildred Baez - EHTP Parent and Board Member)

Year One: Mildred Baez will serve one year and TBD Parent will serve a her/his first year with Mildred.

Year Two: TBD Parent will serve her/his second year and a new TBD Parent will be serving her/his first year.

Meetings

Meeting one will take place on November 21st at 11am at Central Park East Education Complex - 1st Floor Auditorium. A second meeting to follow-up will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 6pm at EHTP, and further meetings will take place every six to eight weeks.

December 3, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00pm

January 14, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00pm

February 27, 2009 - 12noon - 2pm

April 1, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:00pm

May 13, 2009 - 6:30 - 8:30pm

Agenda for Meeting #1

Introduction

What is the Parent Council?

Next Steps - Parents signing up (name, number, email)

Jeff speaks to Parents about Charter

Distribution of Vouchers for Turkey Pick up

- Carlos will prepare a power point based on this outline

Agenda for Meeting #2

To be determined