

Latinx Student Success Advisory Group Meeting

December 12, 2023, 2-4:00pm

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
2:00pm	Welcome & Agenda Review Susy welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly summarized the agenda for today's meeting.	Susy Mekarski
2:05pm	Introductions and Community Building Activity	Vice-Chair
	All Advisory members, staff, and guests had the opportunity to introduce themselves and, in breakout rooms, talked about what they were looking forward to during the holidays both personally and professionally. There was a share out afterwards.	
2:20pm	Assistant Superintendent Updates	Deb or Mariana
	OEDI Director welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed all that Michael is out of the office and that Susy will support as interim while he is out. We are moving forward with grant extensions and working with grantees to finalize budgets and activities tables. The Legislatively Approved Budget (LAB) was approved and we got batch approval from the DOJ today to proceed with grant agreements. We are also working with grantees to determine whether or not they need to be recorded with the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC). This was not a requirement in the past but it is now. If AG members could be weather-makers, that would be wonderful.	
2:30pm	Introduction to Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Plan	Carol Matsuzaki
	Advisory Group members had an opportunity to learn about the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Plan and the work they are doing as they build their Advisory Group. The AG has been appointed and they are off and running. They have three times remotely and once in person for a day-long retreat which was so critical to the community building of the group. There are over 3,000 islands in the Pacific, so trying to gather an Advisory Group that is representative of our Oregon communities required some Town Hall meetings which were held in Portland, Corvallis, and Medford. HB3144 was passed in July of 2023. That provides grant money to support the Student Success Plan moving forward. Carol provided an overview of the work the AG has done so far which has yielded 5 themes on which the strategies will be based.	
	Q: Can you give a little information about how large the AG is and the make-up of the group? A: 19 members who identify as Samoan, Tongan, Micronesian, Hawaiian, Chuukese, Palauan, and/or Chamorru	

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