

Bilingual Special Education Advisory Council to
ISBE Bilingual Advisory Committee and ISAC
June 16, 2005
Minutes
Monarch Center-UIC

Present: Angelica Nyberg, Cristina Ramirez, Maria August, Andrea Hurada, Celia Arresola, Julietta Pasko, Angela Miller, Norma Lopez-Reyna, Suzy Woods, Pat Chamberlain

- I. ISAC : Suzy Woods is Chair with Kelley Devine of the Bilingual subcommittee. Katherine Hackett is also on the subcommittee. She reported that the Governor has names for the openings but he had not yet completed the appointments. Suzy will take a letter from this committee to ISAC regarding minority representation after Suzy identifies openings/appointment status. We should copy this letter to Chris Koch and Kelley Devine. Suzy will get us times and dates for ISAC as well as minutes.
- II. ISBE: Corey H. has been extended to 2010 so the monitoring process will also continue with more professional development follow-up. The monitoring tool that is being used is not sensitive to CLD students. Celia will send us a copy of comments. We have not been able to identify anyone to work with to keep the website updated. Celia will check on this. Certification continues to be a daunting barrier for bilingual special education personnel. The committee members are to call certification and see if they can get a response regarding how to get bilingual special education certification. The EDWIN system has been converted. Pat will check on what special education categories are included. Celia Areola and Karen Lese have been designated as ISBE representatives for this subcommittee.
- III. Membership: Recruit at the Bilingual Special Education Conference at luncheon. Have a poster session/table to recruit. Keep updated information on ISBE website. Each one bring to the next meeting.
- IV. Other: There needs to be a Bilingual Strand at each Special Ed. Director's Conference. We need to identify a contact person for this event and write a letter to that person. June 29 there will be testimony regarding the new IDEA regulations.
- V. Next meetings: Nov. 17 at ISBE 1:00-3:00, Jan. 23 at State Conference (Pat will get a room), May 4 1:00 site TBD.