Immigration Task Force
Iowa City Community School District
Meeting Minutes
May 3rd, 2017
5:30-7:00 pm

1. Creation of District Rapid Response Protocol

- Create a more adequate school response
- How do we address and mitigate a culture of paranoia?
- Kirkwood and UNI had appropriate responses and were helpful
- Important to use community resources. Example given where 4 moms stepped up to help 6 kids when family member(s) deported; kids also received help from churches
- Can we have forms filled out by students and families in advance?
  - Power of attorney forms- barriers may be potential costs and date limitations
  - Who provides translation of the forms? The District?
  - Can Student Family Advocates fill out forms?
  - Who may hold onto the form? Iowa City Compassion?
  - Create a standard for any student; add into e-registration process
    - School handbook
    - Other places where we hold resources
- General Care (in the event one does not have a power of attorney this is the person that steps up)
  - We will need a person in the building to talk with STUDENTS
  - What are organizations that could take the call in the community?
    - Crisis Center
    - Law Firms and/or Legal Clinics
    - Shelter houses
  - What about a trusted person in the community / member of isolated group?
  - Maybe parents volunteer to be a point person if an event takes place
    - Handle social implications
    - Vetted individual
    - Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) representative to help facilitate
- Transportation
  - Getting the kids to school
2. Training for school staff and procedures for notifying families about ICE efforts
   - Do you feel clear about the law and your rights?
   - Mention political views being irrelevant to the law and school policy

3. Developing clear guidelines on the District’s response to any ICE request and/or subpoena
   - Have you been clear about what the law is? Can you be clear about what the law is?
   - Prep through blackboard
   - This is a prep step this has not happened; make that clear
   - Possibly an all out call

4. Community Partnerships
   - Work with organizations that have knowledge of immigration law
   - How do we work with churches?
   - What about The Iowa Children’s Museum?
   - Manantial (hispanic support group for women) (parents of children with special needs)
   - What about the University of Iowa Legal Clinic?
   - What type of celebrations can we have? What sorts of events would attract families of diverse backgrounds?
     - Name
     - Address (doesn’t necessarily need to fill out)
     - Phone number
   - Have you reached out to the smaller school districts?
   - How do we partner with the Kirkwood and the University?

5. Other Business
   - Information needs to be put out in all the international markets
   - Minutes need to be translated
   - Barbara Baquero (University of Iowa Public Health) may be an important contact to reach out to
   - Connection between University of Iowa & Iowa City / health interventions