



MECAC 2020-21

Thursday, November 19, 2020



Welcome

Honoring Dena'ina Land



Agenda

- Welcome
- Good Things
- The How's of Work Groups
- Work Groups
- Empowerment Vitamin
- Announcements



Meeting Dates

- ~~Monday, October 19, 2020~~
- Thursday, November 19, 2020
- Thursday, January 28, 2021
- Thursday, February 25, 2021
- Thursday, April 8, 2021
- Thursday, May 27, 2021





MECAC & Equity

- Qualitative Data
- Work Groups
- Student and Parent Engagement
- MECAC Recruitment



MECAC Mission

The district's Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) works to ensure equity for all students by providing input directly to the Superintendent on relevant issues that impact student achievement, including but not limited to:

- parent involvement
- community relations
- curriculum adoption and implementation
- cultural competence
- equity and other instructional concerns



Work Group Ideas

With equity in mind, what workgroups can better compliment and further the work being done? You chose:

1. ASD Policy
2. Family Wellness, Partnerships, & Engagement
3. Community Engagement & Resources
4. Community Member Recruitment



Work Group Tools



Expectations

- Creation of a Problem Statement
- Creation of two solutions for each work group



What is a problem statement?

Adapted from an article by Alan Bryman in the *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*: A problem is a statement about an area of concern, a condition to be improved upon, a difficulty to be eliminated, or a troubling question that exists in theory or in practice that points to the need for meaningful understanding and deliberate investigation.



Elements of a problem statement

Key elements of an effective problem statement include:

- **Gap:** Identify the gap (pain) that exists today.
- **Timeframe, location and trend:** Describe when and where the problem was first observed and what kind of trend it is following.
- **Impact:** Quantify the gap (cost, time, quality, environmental, personal, etc.)
- **Importance:** To the organization, the individual, etc. to better understand the urgency.



An example

MECAC is an opportunity for the Anchorage community to have input on matters concerning equity for children. Without proportioned representation on the advisory, the input would not exist. The community member recruitment will seek avenues for membership recruitment to ensure the proportioned input by:

- ✓ Solution 1
- ✓ Solution 2





Empowerment Vitamin





Announcements





Thank you!

