**Harris Bilingual Elementary School – SAC**

SAC Committee:

* Cheryl Jimenez, Co-Chair and Harris Parent
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* Bryanne Barton, Harris Parent
* Bevin Parker, Harris Parent
* Laura Vega, Harris Parent
* John Parks, Harris Parent

*SAC Feedback from SLD Material presentation*

**Adona Baros:**  Hi, I wanted to give my feedback on the SAC meeting. Unfortunately, I was unable to find the link you referenced; however, I can say from what was discussed at the meeting I’m in favor of Hola Mundo. It sounds like the teachers and students like it best. More opportunities for parent participation are also a plus. If you want to send me the links to look over I can & will follow up on those items as well. Thank you, Adona Baros

**Laura Vega:** Hi Dr. Huerta Kelly, From the information we received at the last meeting and what I read off the links, I vote for! Hola Mundo! That course has a lot more to offer for the children. It seems like it will fit perfectly in each grade level and by what the teachers had to say the kids really enjoyed them. Also, it did seem like the teachers enjoyed Hola Mundo a lot more than the other one. Hopefully this feedback is sufficient, and please let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you! Laura

**John Parks:** Hi Norma, I hope your visit to the Title 1 school in LA is going well. Thanks for the reminder. The *Hola Mundo* series seemed like the serious front runner in my mind, and it seemed like most of the comments in the meeting pointed towards that series. Although I don't have any personal experience with the book and Alice didn't remember seeing it either, Mrs. Burden was articulate in expressing its virtues:

* It is articulated for all grade levels at Harris, K-5, and it appears that the proficiency levels correspond to those at Harris.
* There is a strong focus on listening, reading, and writing. (I forgot to ask if it focuses on interpersonal writing and reading.)
* The teachers are reported to love it (which is very important, as they are the professionals who will be utilizing it in their units and lessons.)
* The students are reported to enjoy it as well, and they engage especially with the graphic novel content.
* The publisher appears to be more responsive to your needs and sent a variety of materials, instead of just the teachers' edition.

This is very exciting! Thank you for making the push to adopt this series, and please let us know if there is anything further, we can do to help facilitate the process or encourage the funding from the district or training from the publisher. All the best, John Parks

**Bevin Parker:** Norma, Hope your trip is going well! I agree that Hola Mundo is the better option for Harris and would agree with John's comments. Safe travels home! -Bevin

**Cheryl Jimenez:** Norma, My apologies for not replying earlier. I also agree that Hola Mundo is the better option. It definitely sounded like it was the preferred program during our meeting. John highlights some really excellent points. Glancing at it online states that it enhances intercultural awareness. And Mrs. Burden mentioned that they discuss differing vocabulary words depending on country of origin. I really love that because Harris is representative of many Spanish-speaking countries. Safe travels! Cheryl