

**PDAC Meeting Synopsis**  
**October 21, 2014**

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On October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Parent Diversity Advisory Council (PDAC) hosted an informational meeting with District Core Curriculum Directors - Jason Bednar, Mary Kelly and Joshua Ruland – whom presented on curriculum: “Windows and Mirrors: How our students see themselves and the world through their studies?” The presentation focused on the extensive efforts and continued work our district has done to ensure that our curriculum writers have adhered to the Common Core State Standards and have been intentional during the curriculum development stages to be culturally aware and deliberate for multiple perspective opportunities. Information about the social, emotional and learning considerations were shared, and how we maintain consistent flexibility for supplemental materials to meet the needs of all students. We learned how the essential questions in English Language Arts have guided our work, the instructional strategies of using multiple modalities in demonstrating student knowledge in Math and other content is prevalent, and the exciting upcoming curriculum endeavors that will soon take place with the Next Generation Science Standards. Further information about the district curriculum will soon be available on the district site for public viewing. Please join us at our next PDAC meeting on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to learn and build awareness on “How can we welcome families of diverse races and ethnicities?” We will be joined by community leaders to help facilitate a roundtable discussion.