**Basic Skills Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

**May 6, 2014**

[Approved 09/11/14]

In attendance:

Najia Azizi, Jason Berner, Anoosheh Borhan, Kathleen Donlan, Elvia Ornelas-Garcia, Agustin Palacios, Heather Roth, Gabriela Segade, Ysrael Condori (student)

Meeting Started at 2:30pm

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Professional Development**

The main focus of the meeting was to approve professional development grants. We had two grants and a request for continual funding from Nooshi.

Nooshi requested continual funding for the ESL research. It was clarified that this research was more in-depth than the district could provide. This research involves direct contact with the students. Part of the research involves working with English teachers and coordinating efforts with ESL. Elvia motioned to approved the funding, Heather second the motion. The committee voted to approve the funding.

Committee reviewed two applications for professional development. Heather De Smith and Ruby Shelley. Both Heather an Ruby are ESL instructors. Both applied to the Voices of Witness conference taking place during the summer. Elvia motioned to approve the funding for both, Heather second. The committee approved. Heather De Smith was granted $450. Ruby Shelley was granted $450.

Meeting ended at 3:30pm