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Interview: Mr. Webb (Athletic Director CHS)

What has been your involvement here with the Hispanic population here at century high school?

Well being from a teachers standpoint I've had a couple of ESL health classes since I've been here at century high school and the other have been not real involved with but some help with the Hispanic soccer clubs outside of the OSAA

Aztecas?

Azteca would be a little bit but not real but you know help them get involved in where they can get field usage stuff like that, and of course the Hispanic population with kids coming to our school that direct them in our soccer programs or athletic programs or whatever they are interested in that's where I've been involved with them

What methods are used to transition Hispanic ESL students into mainstream classes?

I'm not involved in that part of it ok but they mainstream them I believe through the counseling center and test them through that way I receive them through my mainstream health classes but I do not transition them that.

What are some reoccurring issues for some Hispanic students in your classes?

I think some of the issues I would see is that the different level of reading skills their interpretation the context of the book sometimes maybe a little bit harder than what they're prepared for and I find that how you break them up at different levels can be difficult stuff like that as far as the transition coming in where some come in with very little English and some come in with a lot of English skill or even if transition is there some kids that come that have lived here for longer they're farther advanced than other kids that are new to this school.

Do you find that you have Hispanic students sort of leaning back in class because they are scared to interact?

I think so In the mainstream classes unless they have been here for any length of time but in my esl classes I think they maybe do not understand what is going on or possibly they are afraid to and again it could be a culture thing where they are not outspoken or something like that I think and I feel that the more they would talk about the subject now that we are talking about the more that I know that I know they know or learn that purpose but I think it could be a culture thing where they just don't talk about it as much.

Have you noticed that the issues have changed over the years, being a teacher for so long do you realize that the issues have changed a little but or are they the same thing?

In the Hispanic population I think were getting more Hispanics all over the united states n here it's the Hillsboro high school district I think were getting more too I think were getting more students who lived here longer than where when I first started we used to get a lot of migrant students that came through you that came up and did a lot of field work and now I don't think we get that as many as far as kids we get adults possibly I don't have any statistics for that but I think that we have more kids growing up in our society or in our culture here and they're here through first grade 12th grade stuff like that we still get the migrant students but not as many I don't think as the years have passed.

Can you think of any improvements that you believe would maybe better the needs of Hispanic students here at century or in the Hillsboro school district?

I think if we would have more of a transition of mainstream teachers or esl teachers you know instead of giving education towards the teacher itself how to adapt to the esl students or how to deal with the Hispanic students that have very little English I'm talking about the Hispanic students but we have all kinds of cultures in our cultures now we have Vietnamese, Laotians, Chinese and Russian now in different school systems and stuff this that to transition in that and I don't know how but if we got some type of classes or transition classes or transition processes how to help these kids out would be a lot more beneficial.

That actually leads into the next question do you feel adequately prepared to meet the needs of students who have limited English proficiency?

As long as we have a strong aid in there I think we would ^{do that} ~~not~~ but if we do not have a strong aid or in the esl class that I have we have different cultures in there we have Hispanics, we Asian maybe e it could be a Russian not in my class but we could to how does the aid or Mr. Webb speak all three languages does he absolutely not, that type of thing but if you have a Hispanic person in there that speaks English and Hispanics that could help them its still as hard for the other kids to pick up I think ^{that} ~~at~~ number one is to have a good aid in there number two is to not go as fast so that they are learning something. Pick out what's important for them.

What do you think the greatest obstacle for students trying to further their education is?

You know I don't know if it's a culture you know because I don't know how many of their parents have been educated you know and stuff like this but I think its just that the importance of having an education is up to them to make sure that they believe that, and again a lot of them have to go to work to help with the culture of the family I see that or they have to stay home with the kid or go to work, brother and sister you know go to work

I would say this is probably typical is this the whole high school district?

That's the high school district where this one is middle school?

I would say as you can see soccer girls and boys 36 and I would assume most of those would be boys vs. girls because we don't get a whole lot of Hispanic girls for soccer, we get some you've been a soccer player you know that (yeah) could there be more? Probably but we don't seem to get that we get a few Hispanic girls for basketball stuff like this but again the skill level they come out the skill level when you get into the high school level like we are in, a competitive thing, its not rec ball anymore, if you don't make the standards its really tough.

Have you seen an increase in involvement lets say Hispanic girls in soccer over the last couple of years?

I don't think so it's about stabilized I think

but in the boys do you think there has been a major increase?

I think there has been.

To what extent do you think that we actively participate in our sports or activities here?

I'm thinking that we leave it open to everybody of course but I guess to go outside to a actually recruit them probably not. Kids recruit kids do we go out there and do that? Probably not and I don't know if we should because we don't go out and recruit anybody else either.

I understand

Is Hispanic involvement something the coaches' talk about; is it a topic among coaches about Hispanics, the increase of Hispanics playing that sport?

Well I don't think it's a topic about talking about them, if there's kids that should be out I think coaches talk about kids that should be out whatever culture they are from that type of thing and like for soccer I know that in the past we've had some soccer kids Hispanic soccer kids they are playing here during lunch hour all the time why aren't they out playing for that. There are reasons for that they have to work for the family, they have to take care of brothers and sisters and they're not on a regular schedule you have to have them practice from 3:30 to 5:30 every night and games they cant do that because they are on a different schedule and that's a tough thing that I think is fine. They have to get into the competition of soccer in high school.

Is there anything else as an athletic director that you would like to say about the Hispanic population or involvement in any sport?

they have to stay home with the kid or go to work, brother and sister you know go to work stuff like that I think the importance of education has to go to be turned to them it is very important so that they know that.

To what extent have you been able to work with the parents of the Hispanic students that you many have had?

Very little if none

And also what programs are in place to address the needs of Hispanic students that you know of as a teacher?

We got special ESL classes where they can go into a different thing like social studies and English and then health classes and stuff like that those are special needs I'm sure they have math classes but addresses right here we have Hispanic people that are in there to help students with the regular daily routine stuff that they have a nice esl counselor too probably those are the things that really help them out.

Is there anything else you can think of that you want to tell me about being a teacher in the Hispanic population?

Well you know they're great they're good kids they're willing to work its just that I think that again they come in they're set In a class and they don't know if they're afraid this is new students not ones that have been here sometimes I think that they've been here longer they don't understand but they do that type of thing but I think that they're great they're good kids the kids that want to learn will learn, I think that's a real key right there.

As an athletics director what changes in Hispanic participation in sports have you noticed in your career?

Again as we get more Hispanic students we get more students trying out for soccer I guess that would be the biggest thing I don't see a greater number in basketball or football, there are some basketball, football or track or something like that but there are some but there's a lot more in soccer because it seems to be their game or something.

Yeah their culture

Yeah

Do these statistics seem to look right to you on this graph, (high school stats 00-01 graph) do you have anything to comment on that?

I would like to see more involvement all along and we never discourage any kids whatever culture but with the Hispanics kids see them out there and kids see them as just soccer players, well there's kids that can play basketball at certain levels or track there's no cutting, running jumping and throwing its not just running around the track 4 times, there's a lot of other activities out there. Or tennis we've got a lot of Vietnamese and Laotians playing tennis Orientals playing tennis which is great but I'd like to see them try more things. Now that doesn't mean that they're going to make the team or anything like that but to have the accessibility to do that.

Is there anything else?

That's it I hope I did all right for you.