



Los Angeles Unified School District

Office of Parent Community Services

DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/85159885305?pwd=MmFvRVZNaVdjZDZJYUXYwN0JsUCsudz09>

Webinar ID#: 851 5988 5305 Password: 2022

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Diana Guillen, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. She introduced the officers and introduced Ms. Reina Diaz, Administrator. Her instructions included a step-by-step guide for choosing your preferred language. Ms. Reina Diaz also discussed meeting norms for keeping students as a priority and keeping the meeting respectful for all participants, partners, and members.

II. Flag Salute

Cecilio Lopez, Vice-Chairperson led the flag salute in Spanish and English.

III. Public Comment

Norma Gonzalez, Parliamentarian opened the floor for Public Comments at 10:18 a.m. Public members were allowed two (2) minutes per speaker to address the membership.

1. Juan Jose Mangandi was in the meeting in person and he talked about socio-emotional programs for special needs students and the lack of connection with the students and the lack of follow-up from schools.
2. Maria Luisa Palma was present in the meeting and spoke about the deficiency in ELAC and the violation of the Green Act in the schools. She observed that ELAC meetings at her school site are not following protocol.
3. Merquisedet Absalon joined the meeting online and he encouraged the parents to focus on the well-being of the students because they are future leaders. He also added that he believes that the parents need to receive more support from the schools.
4. Maria Daisy Ortiz was in person at the meeting and said that parents need access to the materials of every forum at the District level because parents cannot ask questions. We need an answer to our questions and we need specific information, not omissions.
5. Paul Robak joined the meeting online and he agreed to everything the other speakers had said. Mr. Robak mentioned that the ELAC officers need training and the chairpersons need to be prepared and well informed. He added that the coordinators at the ELAC meetings are doing all the work, and the coordinators are leaving the officers as spectators.

1

IV. Roll Call/Quorum

1

Alicia Suarez, Secretary called roll and established quorum with 35 members at 10:27 a.m.

V. Approval of the Minutes for DELAC Meetings: January 12, 2023

Alicia Suarez, Secretary proceeded to read the minutes for January 12, 2023, aloud. Karla Franco, member made the motion to accept the minutes, Antonieta Garcia, member seconded. The motion passed with 35 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

VI. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Diana Guillen, Chairperson presented her report and proposal follow-up. Chairperson included some details about Leonel Messi the soccer player. He had some deficiencies but he did not let them stop him from being great. He represents his country Argentina and now they are the World Cup champions. His life is an example of perseverance. "Stop being normal she said, do not be average, because just being average you won't win championships." Ms. Guillen introduced one of many involved parents in ELAC, Karla Franco. Ms. Guillen described her as a bold, daring, and brave parent who is unafraid of saying the truth. Ms. Franco is an example of perseverance. Ms. Guillen continued with her report and the same recommendations that parents are not being heard and are discarded within committees. Chairperson went over the Single School Plan she said parents need online access to the school plan and she shared six steps on what to know about the school plan. She also aborded the Regional Delegate meeting to have DELAC Committee in each local region. She also added to seriously address the social problems of drugs and gangs along with healthy meals for students. Chairperson also added that in a study group, there is no executive board and because of it, there is no leadership, no accountability, no parent agenda, and no actual proposals, District personnel is directing and dictating. Parents have no power. Questions and answers followed.

VII. Presentation: School Plan for Students Achievement – Multilingual And Multicultural Education Department (MMED),

Dr. Jose Posada, Administrator began his presentation by encouraging the parents to change the system, he also added that the SPSA(School Plan for Student Achievement) should be available at the schools and should not take more than 3 minutes to get copies from the school's office. Mr. Posada added, this is a problem because this needs to change. Schools should be ready to help parents and be of service." Dr. Posada presented all his colleagues and moved on to present the learning outcome of the presentation. Understanding the process for writing, the school plan, mainly for English Learner Programs as defined by the Strategic plan. Dr. Posada also presented the five pillars that will be aligned and be unison with the District's Plan. Ms. Guillen, Chairperson opened the floor for questions, comments, and answers. Dr. Posada gave the floor to Ms. Ana Montenegro, Specialist. She continued her presentation highlighting the cycle of continuous improvement, connection to data, and the comprehensive needs assessment. The presentation also included a review of goals for 2021-2022, which included the implementation of specific programs for English Learners, advisement on ELPAC, reclassification, and graduation data, Smarter Balanced

Assessments, readiness to ensure that students are successful in the English Language Arts and Math assessments, the review of goals to ensure understanding of social-emotional aspect, and attendance and suspension percentages. All the workshops are available to teachers and parents. Ms. Montenegro also reminded the members about the assessments to focus District wide, not the schools that they represent. Questions and answers followed.

Monica Arrazola made the first motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, Carol Landaverde seconded. The motion passed with 24 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. Ms. Diaz opened the breakout rooms for members to participate in the advisement session at 1:00 p.m.

VIII. Development of Advisement/ Breakout Rooms to provide advice on the School Plan for Student Achievement:

Members came back from the breakout rooms at 1:24 p.m. MMED collected all the advisement.

IX. MMED Update

Dr. Posada, Administrator, and Ana Montenegro, Specialist provided updates for the International Newcomer Leadership Conference, Mid-Year Master Plan, and Instructional Institute.

X. Announcements from members and PCS staff

Ms. Guillen, Chairperson reminded the parents and members to document every time they approach the principal at their schools. Ms. Diaz, announced UCLA and Financial Aid zoom event, Jornada Pedagógica on Saturday, February 4, 2023. CABA and Alianza Global.

XI. Adjournment

Diana Guillen, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by: Alicia B. Suarez, secretary.