



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Parent and Community Service

DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

Thursday, January 12, 2023

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Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Diana Guillen, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. She gave the floor to Ms. Reina Diaz, Administrator. Ms. Reina Diaz introduced the officers and explained how to select the language of preference. Reina Diaz also reviewed the norms to ensure a pleasant and respectful meeting for all members, partners, and participants.

II. Flag Salute:

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

III. Public Comment:

Norma Gonzalez, Parliamentarian facilitated Public Comment.

(Members of the public were allowed two (2) minutes per speaker to address the membership).

1. Juan Jose Mangandi – in person
2. Maria Luisa Palma – in person
3. Maria Daysi Ortiz – online

IV. Roll Call/Quorum:

Alicia Suarez, Secretary called roll and established a quorum with 27 members at 10:18 a.m. After seating alternates at 10:50 a.m., 37 members were present at the DELAC meeting.

V. Approval of the Minutes for DELAC Meetings: Thursday, December 8, 2022:

Alicia Suarez, Secretary proceeded to read the minutes for December 8, 2022, aloud. Ms. Karla Franco made the first motion to make minor corrections to the spelling of the minutes and approved the minutes and Ms. Antonieta Garcia seconded. The motion passed with 23 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

VI. Chairperson's Report:

Mrs. Diana Guillen, Chairperson presented her report and proposal follow-up.

She included a quote from Mr. Eduardo Galeano that reads as follows, "Charity is humiliating because it is practiced vertically from the top. Solidarity is horizontal and executes mutual respect." Ms. Guillen explained that it is humiliating because people that are on top of others practice charity from a position of superiority, and people who practice solidarity practice from a position of equality because they are at the same level and exercise equal respect.

Ms. Guillen reviewed UTLA's Proposals (teacher union proposal) and gave an update on budgetary projections. She emphasized that the District is in good budgetary standing to support students by hiring nurses, counselors and giving teachers a better salary. She went over the chart of enrollment in more than 1,000 schools, the reclassification data trend for 13 years has been 15.33%, and it has fluctuated. Local District data was also added. Ms. Guillen encouraged the members and parents to ask the school for the School Plan. The detailed budget that the school received for the year is included in the plan along with the expenditures. She also shared an article from the Los Angeles Times about graduation and college readiness. DELAC has proposed the following for parents to engage and lead: stipends for parents that participate at the Central District level, workshops 3 times a year that focus on reclassification, advocacy, and parents' rights, increase in translation personnel from 9% to 18%. Ms. Guillen concluded her report sharing thoughts on the Local District ELAC delegate meetings and the seriousness of addressing the social problems of gangs and drugs along with healthy meals for students. Ms. Guillen answered questions.

- VII. Presentation: LAUSD School Attendance, Truancy, Chronic Absenteeism Facts, and Data: Diana Guillen, Chairperson, gave the floor to Elsy Rosado, Director, Pupil Services and Attendance Student Health and Human Services at 11:24 a.m. Mrs. Rosado addressed the five pillars of Attendance in LAUSD which consists of Academic Excellence, Joy and Wellness, Engagement and Collaboration, Operational Effectiveness, and Investing in Staff. Mrs. Rosado touched on the legal perspective of absences. She also shared the percentages between excellent and chronic absenteeism. Students with excellent attendance miss no more than 7 days per school year. The District's goal is for all students to attend at a rate of 96%. She explained the difference between truancy vs chronic absences. She also explained the difference between excused and unexcused absences. Regular attendance is critical for student achievement and success and that is why our students need to be in school every day. Mrs. Rosado provided resources for parents and caregivers on how they can receive support to help improve student attendance. She shared her time with Mrs. Martha Alvarez, Chief of Legislative Affairs & Governmental Relations that shared information on Senate Bill 830. Mrs. Alvarez began her presentation by asking parents for their support for Senate Bill 830. She went into detail about a 4-year comparison of chronic absences by Local District, by language, by English only, by Initially Fluent English Proficient, Reclassified Fluent English Proficient, and by Emerging Bilinguals, percent of students at 91% or lower. She also provided resources from Student Health and

Human Services and encouraged parents to access the Parent Portal and the Family Hotline, as they can receive current information and updates. Mrs. Alvarez answered questions and concluded by reminded the parent members that they are here to help. Marcela Garcia, member made the motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Maria Duran. 24 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention; Motion passed Members were asked to join the breakout rooms where they had the opportunity to provide advisement on School Attendance.

VIII. Office of Parent and Community Services Update:

Antonio Plascencia Jr., Director, gave an overview of the Administrator's Report and provided highlights on DELAC-specific District updates, Board of Education Meetings, and DELAC Responsibilities. He also shared the Learning Plan for DELAC.

IX. Announcements from members, District, and PCS staff:

Cecilio Lopez, Vice-president explained to parents how to put their knowledge into action and advocate for their child/children. Ms. Reina Diaz, Administrative Coordinator shared the DELAC syllabus and explained that it is a guide with topics that the DELAC will be learning throughout the year and providing advisement to the Board of Education. Dr. Jose Posada, Administrator, English Learner Services from the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department (MMED) shared information on the Summative ELPAC, 3rd Annual Grades 6-12 International Newcomer Student Leadership Conference, Jornada Pedagógica, and CAFE conferences.

X. Adjournment:

Diana Guillen, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Alicia B. Suarez, Secretary