



**District English Learner  
Advisory Committee  
(DELAC)**

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Dr. Traci E. Miller

**Director**  
Dr. Israel Gonzalez

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**January 25, 2023**

**9:30 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 Welcome.** President Shirley Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:42 am. 1st motion Sandra Arreola. 2nd motion Adela Hernandez.

**1.1 Meeting norms.** Francisca Noyola Mejia, Sergeant at Arms, read the norms.

**2.0 Roll call.** Camelia Bernal, Secretary. The following schools represented:

1. **August:** Leticia Albor (alt.)
2. **Chavez:** Leticia Albor (rep.)
3. **Cleveland:** Rosa Arana (alt.)
4. **Edison:** Francisca Noyola Mejia (rep.) (Sergeant at Arms), Lucia Vega (Vice President)
5. **Elmwood:** Maria de la Luz Villarreal (rep.)
6. **Franklin:** Angeles Cortes (rep.), Maricela Nunez (alt.)
7. **Grunsky:** Maria Sandra Arreola (rep.)
8. **Henry:** Blanca Olivera (alt.), Camelia Bernal (Secretary)
9. **Hong Kingston:** Erika Gragg (rep.)
10. **King:** Guadalupe Sanchez (rep.)
11. **McKinley:** Veronica Merino (rep.), Francisca Vargas (alt.)
12. **Nightingale:** Melissa Garibay Ortiz (alt.)
13. **Peyton:** Lorena Martinez (alt.)
14. **PYA:** Angelina Aranda (rep.)
15. **Roosevelt:** Catalina Ramos (rep.) (Parliamentarian)
16. **San Joaquin:** Shirley Garcia (rep.) (President), Adela Hernandez (alt.)
17. **Weber:** Lucila Mendoza (rep.), Adela Roldan (alt.)
18. **Wilson:** Miriam Reyes (rep.), Bertha Prado (alt.)

There were 24 representatives and/or alternate representatives present at this meeting and 18 schools were represented. District guests: Dr. Traci E. Miller, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Susana Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Board President AngelAnn Flores, Board trustee Alicia Rico, Dr. Israel Gonzalez Director of LDO, Sandra Gomez LDO

Interpreter, Diane Ornelas LDO Migrant Parent Liaison, and other parents or community members.

**3.0 Oral suggestions and comments from the community regarding agenda items.** None.

**4.0 Changes to the agenda.** President asked to change the agenda leads due to Paola Juarez not being available. Section 10.0 to be changed from Paola Juárez to Dr. Israel Gonzalez. 1st motion Lucila Mendoza. 2nd motion Guadalupe Sanchez. All approve.

**5.0 Report from district guests.** President announced guest Dr. Traci E. Miller. Dr. Miller shared that the board meeting ended around 11 pm on 1/24/23.

- Loss of fundamentals, will work and focus in good relationships with the students.
- Talked about the poll.

Dr. Miller asked everyone present how many wanted excellence? How many wanted highly trained teachers? All agreed.

- Dr. Miller told parents where funds are going
- Talked a bit about funds that must be spent on certified teachers, professional development.
- 43 out of 50 school site council approved for teachers to have training.

Dr. Miller said when she took position it was only to move forward and the main focus was the students, and to allow parents to have a voice.

- 2 positions were approved and that would allow her to attend community meetings.
- Dr. Miller introduced AngelAnn Flores, Board President
- AngelAnn Flores apologies for arriving late

AngelAnn told everyone present to let her know their needs, she's there to listen and hear everyone's needs. Don't be scared to speak up, they want to change direction and put students' needs first.

Dr. Ramirez announced that \$3 million dollars is to be spent for the English Learners, for workshops, etc., and provide Dr. Gonzalez with feedback and input and let him know what's needed. We only have them until September 2023 to spend the \$3 million. The board needs to make a survey on what is needed to let the parents' voices be heard.

Alicia Rico, Board Trustee, said her main focus is special education and she is here to help us, not to be scared and to ask for help. She asked how many parents were there from her area so she could speak with them and hear them out. A few raised their hands.

Angeles Cortes, parent, asked why is the Las Vegas Conference only for certain teachers and not all **and why so much money is being spent.** Dr. Ramirez explained how each school site decides which teachers go and how they approve Title I funds to pay for the conference. Reason why its

1.1 million being spent is because instead of sending school/teachers separate, all 93 schools are being sent together in June for the summer to assist in the workshops.

- There are 2 conferences AVID and PLC so all the teachers can attend and it's around \$2,000 per teacher.
- Teachers will work from 7 am-5 pm what they do after 5pm is on them, their own time.
- Parent from McKinley said she's happy and supports the teachers conference but also would like if they would also approve money to fix the needs of each school, paint, roof, etc.
- Dr. Ramirez said 5.3 million dollars were approved for school renovations. Most schools need air conditions for the kitchens.

President Shirley Garcia apologized for interrupting and said that we were out of time and asked the group to write down any other questions on the paper provided. Then we could follow up on their questions.

**6.0 Reading and approval of the minutes.** President gave 8 minutes to read the minutes. Motion to pass minutes of November 16, 2022. Changes: 1.2 school/schools. 9.1 Hispanic families are afraid (Lucila Mendoza **made the correction**). 1st motion Blanca Olivera. 2nd motion Rosa Aranda. Approved November 30, 2022. Changes: 9.0 Meeting 1/11/2023 to 1/25/2023 (Alicia Rico asked if she could approve. She could not as she was not an assigned rep from her site). 1st motion Angelina Aranda. 2nd motion Rosa Arana. Approved.

**7.0 Previous topics: None.**

**8.0 New topics.**

**8.1 Presentation on services provided by the School for Adults.** President presented the first speaker Imelda Donato from Adult School.

- The School for Adults is there to help parents develop language and help attain a GED. Presenter offered an information flyer.
- There are 3 schedules, in the morning, afternoon and evening.
- Morning hours 8-10 am, in-person, 10:15 -11:15 am, virtual, Monday through Thursday. Afternoon 12 pm -3:15 pm, evening-Tuesday and Thursday 6 pm - 9:15 pm.
- 18+ can register when signing up depends on the level of English you get on the exam.

President asks for motion for open time. First motion Maria de la Luz Villarreal. Second motion Angelina Aranda. Approved.

**8.2 Presentation on Dual Language Immersion Programs.** Emilio Junez, Principal of Pittman Charter presented. He asked, "Why is it important to learn at least two languages?"

- There are more opportunities
- Your brain gets more work

- Better preparation
- Ask what is done to all children, what do they want to be when they grow up? It's what they have a goal for.
- Mr. Junez says that a teacher has to love his job, his profession.
- It is better for children from a young age to learn both languages, so it is important that they start from kindergarten.
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 meet at Pittman School at 5pm to give information about how important it is to know 2 languages.
- Feb. 13, 2023 Kinder Registration, only have 2 classes.

**8.3 Presentation on the California School Dashboard.** Dr. Gonzalez presented on the California Dashboard.

- Information about the progress of schools and [www.caschooldashboard.org](http://www.caschooldashboard.org) status is the website where they can see information about your school.
- Approximately 40% of students were absent
- Close to 2,000 children were suspended

Alicia Rico asks, what they are doing for English Learners students.

- Diane Ornelas, LDO Migrant Parent Liaison, said that possibly the reason children don't want to go to school is because they don't feel welcome.

**9.0** President requests motion to change the date of the 2/2/2023 Needs Survey to 2/28/2023. First motion Rosa Arana. Second motion Blanca Olivera.

**9.1** Lucia Vega gave the announcements.

- Lorena Orozco asked for additional surveys for her school: Wilson.
- Sandra Arreola also asked for additional surveys.

**10.0** Dr. Gonzalez, asked if there were any final comments or suggestions

- AngelAnn Flores said she would look into funds for field trips for the students.

Lucila Vega Mendoza asked AngelAnn if there's a way the parents can have a part at the beginning of the board meetings to speak since ~~it is always down the middle~~ they always leave us last and that's why parents don't assist board meetings because they take so long. AngelAnn agreed to make space at the beginning to listen to the parents.

- Melissa Garibay Ortiz asked: Can they do the DELAC meeting by Zoom for those parents that can't assist in person. At the moment they have no system. Dr. Gonzalez said he was looking into it.

**11.0** Closing. President requested motion 11:52 am. First motion Adela Hernandez. Second motion Sandra Arreola. Approved.

These minutes were written by Camelia Bernal and Paola Juarez.