



*District English Learner
Advisory Committee
(DELAC)*

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**DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(DELAC)
February 8, 2023
9:30 A.M.- 11:00 A.M.
MINUTES**

1.0 Welcome. President Shirley Garcia began the meeting at 9:35 am. 1st motion Sandra Arreola. 2nd motion Adela Hernandez. Motion approved.

1.1 Meeting norms. Francisca Noyola Mejia, Sergeant at Arms, read the norms. The DELAC committee has been assigned a stopwatch and a bell to more successfully manage the time for the general meetings and Dr. Gonzalez took the floor to explain how they will work during the meetings.

2.0 Roll call. Lucia Vega, Vice President. 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.), Maria Maciel (alt.)
6. **Fillmore:** Miriam Hernandez (rep.), Eleuteria Peralta Sampayo (alt.)
7. **Franklin:** Angeles Cortes (rep.), Maricela Nunez (alt.)
8. **Grunsky:** Maria Sandra Arreola (rep.)
9. **Henry:** Blanca Olivera (alt.)
10. **Hong Kingston:** Erika Gragg (rep.)
11. **McKinley:** Veronica Merino (rep.), Francisca Vargas (alt.)
12. **Monroe:** Marlen Sevilla (rep.)
13. **Nightingale:** Melissa Garibay Ortiz (alt.)
14. **Peyton:** Lorena Martinez (alt.)
15. **PYA:** Angelina Aranda (rep.)
16. **Roosevelt:** Catalina Ramos (rep.) (Parliamentarian)
17. **San Joaquin:** Shirley Garcia (rep.) (President), Adela Hernandez (alt.)
18. **Weber:** Lucila Mendoza (rep.), Adela Roldan (alt.)
19. **Wilson:** Miriam Reyes (rep.), Bertha Prado (alt.)

This meeting was attended by 26 representatives and/or alternate representatives and 19 schools were represented. District personnel: Board trustee Alicia Rico, Maria Valadez-Munoz, Personnel Analyst, Taina Butler, Personnel Analyst, Dr. Israel Gonzalez Director of LDO, Sandra Gomez LDO Interpreter,

Olivia Fernandez, LDO Administrative Assistant, Paola Juarez LDO Parent Liaison, Diane Ornelas LDO Migrant Parent Liaison, and other parents and community members.

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

4.0 Changes to the agenda. The president asked to change the name of Camelia Bernal to Lucia Vega on the agenda. 1st motion Lucila Mendoza. 2nd motion Angelina Aranda. Motion approved.

5.0 District guest report. None.

6.0 Reading and approval of the minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. 1st motion Adela Roldan. 2nd motion Francisca Vargas. Changes: 5.0 "Angeles Cortez, one of the mothers present, asked why the Las Vegas conference is only for certain teachers and not for everyone ~~and why so much money is spent.~~" 6.0 Motion to approve the minutes of November 16 ~~n~~ November 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. Motion carried with the above corrections. 10.0 Lucila Vega Mendoza asked AngelAnn if there is a way for parents to participate at the beginning of the District Board meetings to speak, since they always leave us at the end ~~it is at half time~~ and that is why parents don't attend the District Board meetings because they take so much time. AngelAnn agreed to make a space at the beginning of the District Board meeting to hear from parents.

- Melissa Garibay Ortiz asked ~~Asked~~. Motion passed with the corrections already mentioned.

7.0 Old business:

7.1 Answers to questions from the previous meeting. Dr. Israel Gonzalez, Director, provided brief responses to parents who filled out comment cards at the previous meeting.

8.0 New business.

8.1 Presentation on the district's plan to ensure that teachers and paraprofessionals who work with English language learners meet relevant professional qualifications. Maria Valadez-Munoz and Taina Butler, Personnel Analysts from the Human Resources Department presented and provided the following information:

- Explained the criteria for Bilingual Authorization, the difference between CLAD and the BCLAD and Emergency Authorization.
- District goals.
- Ensure teacher compliance.
- Explained how the district reviews credentials and monitors teachers with Emergency Authorization to ensure compliance.

Mrs. Lucila Mendoza asked the presenters if they could explain concretely the difference between CLAD and BCLAD. Mrs. Maria Maciel, made a comment about children falling behind in their regular classes by taking them out to attend EL classes. Dr. Israel Gonzalez responded that those classes should not cross over with regular education classes. The personnel analysts explained that teachers who teach bilingual or ELD classes need BCLAD, CLAD or emergency authorization. Dr. Gonzalez added that not all universities offer these bilingual authorization credentials when new teachers earn their degrees, and therefore these emergency EL permits must be obtained separately. Ms. Valadez-Muñoz explained that the

Human Resources department will work with teachers to complete these EL requirements to ensure that our EL students receive appropriate instruction.

8.2 Presentation from the Language Development Office: ESSER III Funds. Dr. Israel Gonzalez, Director, presented and provided the following information:

- Explained there were 3 Emergency Funds given to the district due to Covid-19 (ESSER I, II, III) totalling 156 million with a 3 year spending window.
- The board of education approved the use of funds in different areas (socioemotional support, repairs, counseling, professional development).
- The main requirement for use of the funds was to offset the negative academic impact and lost instructional time caused by the pandemic.

Dr. Israel Gonzalez, explained the funds the Language Development Office will receive is 3 million to mitigate the negative learning impacts the districts EL's experienced . He shared he has many ideas of how the funds could be used but wants parent input. Dr. Gonzalez shared the survey for parents to take and give their opinion on how funds should be spent. The survey will be open all the month of February

Survey links:

- SPANISH survey <http://gg.gg/ESSER2023s>
- ENGLISH survey <http://gg.gg/ESSER2023>

Mrs. Maria de la Luz Villarreal asked if those funds could be used for special education students and sending district employees home for chronic absenteeism. Dr. Gonzalez advised that CWA (Child Welfare and Attendance) would be the appropriate department to help with that. Ms. Alicia Rico asked what would be a specific goal that would help students with special needs and also help parents. Dr. Gonzalez mentioned that LCAP increased a 4th goal involving Special Education.

Another participant asked if those funds could be used to keep a bilingual aide at the school (Wilson) or help that bilingual aide obtain their teaching certificate. Dr. Gonzalez explained that there are education requirements that the bilingual assistant may or may not have regarding becoming a teacher. He advised that there are programs (in the county) that help people obtain their teaching credential and that the district can work with the bilingual assistant, but it also depends on the position they are applying for. Ms. Maricela Nunez asked how much money we have available. Dr. Gonzalez replied that we have almost not spent that money and he would like to hear suggestions from the parents.

9.0 Announcements. Lucia Vega, Vice President, gave the announcements.

- Dr. Gonzalez added that the Book Fair will start on March 28, 2023, for 3 days and will be held at Pittman School, after school hours (3-6 pm) and each EL student will receive 2 books, more information will be shared later.

10.0 Oral suggestions and comments from the community regarding non-agenda items.

- Parents were invited to attend the CAC! meeting on February 15, 2023, 12:30-2:30 pm at the Young Adult Program office and on Zoom.

- An invitation was extended to the Family Resource Center and they explained the services they have to offer. Alicia Rico commented that it would be good to add Maggie on the agenda to inform parents about the services FRC offers.
- Request for DELAC general meetings to have a virtual option (Zoom). Melissa Garibay Ortiz requested to have the option to have the general meetings via Zoom as she comes from Nightingale School and there are many parents who want to attend but due to lack of childcare cannot.

10.1 Answers to questions from this meeting. None.

11.0 Adjournment. President Shirley Garcia requested a motion to end the meeting at 10:58 am. 1st motion Francisca Vargas. 2nd motion Lucila Mendoza. Motion approved.

These minutes were written by Shirley Garcia and Paola Juarez.