

OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)
March, 4, 2021
Via Google Meet-5:00pm to 6:30pm

Amy Boles called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

DELAC Representatives Present:

- María Arellano@ Del Roble TWBI Rep and Del Roble Secretary *Lynn Lam @ Ledesma
- Luz Vera@ Herman/STEM *Rahul Jain@ Santa Teresa
- Vinothini Pandurangan@ Baldwin *Veronica Diaz@ Anderson
- Hau Nguyen@Bernal

Staff Present:

- Amy Boles, Director of Educational Services * Ivan Chaidez, Assistant Superintendent
- Julie Silva, Educational Services * Alicia Wong, ELD IA Ledesma/Oak Ridge

Amy started the meeting, giving Ivan Chaidez some time to greet everyone. He greeted everyone and thank the parents for their collaboration and input as DELAC representatives. He mentioned that in the near future we'll be talking about LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) and the parents' input is very important. He also mentioned that on Thursday, 3/4/21 at 5pm, our Superintendent will be hosting a community information night, regarding safety and re-opening schools, and on Thursday, 3/11/21, there will be a Board Meeting, where they will be voting to either remain on Distance Learning or return to school in person. Two very important dates and he is inviting you to attend.

Julie Silva was also introduced. She greeted everyone, and reminded the reps that she had just sent all the EL parents information about Summative ELPAC testing coming up.

Review of the Agenda and last month's DELAC Minutes

María Arellano, greeted everyone. She had an ice breaker activity for the group. After the ice breaker activity, she reviewed the agenda and let everyone know that there is one more meeting left for the school year. She asked everyone present to review the minutes from the February meeting. There were no changes. María motioned to approve the minutes and Veronica Diaz second the motion. Motion passed as is.

Complete Needs Assessment

Amy asked the DELAC reps to bring some information to their next ELAC meeting. Amy has already shared this information with the school principals. First, she showed some charts with EL Data and explained how to interpret the charts. The charts show English Learners, Reclassifications and Long-term Learners (LTEL's) data.

Amy is asking the reps to bring the information to their ELAC meetings and analyze the data. What are the strengths, what is going well, and what adjustments need to be done to improve or next steps to follow at their school sites based on the data?

Amy created a presentation including a template to help Principals and ELAC groups do a yearly analysis of the data and reflect on their school's data. Trends and Patterns from EL data. For the April DELAC meeting, please bring back EL Needs Assessment Analysis from your school.

These reflections/analyses will be important for the 2021-22 LCAP and SPSA planning around our English Learners.

Student Engagement Panel Discussion

Next, Amy invited students to share the following information: How are they interacting with friends and classmates right now? One student shared that she had a virtual birthday party. Mom put together goodie bags with the ingredients for a pizza recipe and a craft activity. They dropped off the goodie bags to their friends' houses. Another student shared that they create meetings and they play online Bingo, National Geography quizzes, games and tell jokes. Some meetings happen at school during "recess" and some others are after school just with friends. Another child shared that they go visit their friends in person. They stay in the front yard and they social distance while they see each other, some other times is via zoom. Another child shared that they do virtual recess and call each other on the phone.

Amy asked parents how are they trying to help their children to stay connected. One parent shared a paint night organized by a parent. Another parent shared, that they do Zoom meetings organized by parents and go hiking with friends.

Amy shared the following website to support parents and families with social and emotional development: <https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/tag/casel/>

CAASPP Designated Supports for ELs

Amy mentioned that this year the students from 3rd to 8th grade will be given the CAASPP testing for Math and ELA. She asked reps to be aware of the possible designated supports for EL students during testing, also please let other parents know about it.

These designated supports are available for students during CAASPP testing, but not for all assessments. Designated supports must be assigned to the students prior to testing. These designated supports should mirror in-class supports that students are already receiving in a classroom setting. This includes students with an IEP.

Connect with your child's 3-8 grade teacher or your school principal to ask if these are appropriate for your child during CAASPP testing. If we are not back to in person learning by the time of testing, and the students are taking this test virtually, parents, please do not help the students with the test, just reassure the students not to stress about the test.

Dual language Program

Amy talked about our bilingual programs. We have three schools that offer bilingual/biliterate programs in English and Spanish. They are great programs starting at TK and Kindergarten for students starting next school year. Registrations are open now, the deadline for registration in March 12th. There will be an information night on March 10th, the principals from the three schools will be present. Amy highly encourages parents to attend the information night if you are interested or share with a neighbor who might be interested on the program. Maria Arellano is the secretary at the TWIB program at Del Roble, she offered to help you fill out the application if you need help.

Chapter 4 of the EL Master Plan

Amy needs to do more revisions on Chapter 4, she will share it in a future meeting. Once it is all revised, she will send it to print shop and will share it with each school site.

Amy reminded parents to please attend the Superintendent meetings to stay informed on the plan for re-opening schools.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 6:31 PM.

Future DELAC meeting:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 5-6:30, location TBD