



## English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) Costa Mesa Middle/High School

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**| Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** School Library

**Attendance** – See attached list.

**-Parents:** 31 | **-School Staff:** 11 | **-District Staff:** 2 | **-Guests:** 1

### MINUTES

<b>Legal Requirements/ Training Covered:</b>	
Check topic(s) covered at this meeting and reflected in minutes.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 ELAC parent members have been elected by parents or guardians of English learners (EL). Parents or guardians of English learners must constitute at least the same percentage of the ELAC membership as their children represent of the student body.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Elect at least one member to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Training (including receipt of materials) for ELAC members that will assist them in carrying out required advisory responsibilities. Training shall be planned in full consultation with committee members.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Advise the principal and staff in the development of a site plan for ELs as part of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Administration of a Districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis to parents of all English learners.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Review school results of the EL needs assessment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 Administration of the school's Annual Language Census; share relevant English learner schoolwide data.
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 Promote ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Provide input on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) actions, services, and expenditures as they impact English learner students and families.

## I. Call To Order/ Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by MS principal Dr. Kwong and Chairman Carmen Ramirez. They introduced themselves and welcomed all present to the CMMS/CMHS English Learner Advisory Committee and thanked them for being part of the meeting .

### ELD Team

- Tina Taylor (ELD 1,2)
- Jannet Camarena ( ELD 1)
- Christy Powers (ELD 3) - New Teacher

**School Safety Campus Facilitator:** Victor Haney, Jr. introduced himself and told parents about the other two Safety Campus Facilitators, Jason Ziebarth and Mojgan Behrouz. Dr. Kwong shared that another SSCF will be hired soon.

**New Middle School Counselor:** Hasan Asrar.

**Social Worker Sub:** Abigail Kim.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Carmen Ramirez read the minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting. Secretary Patricia Colin read and approved them. It was moved by William Ramirez, and seconded by Alicia Alcantara that the minutes be approved as written.

## III. District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC) Report

DELAC Co-Chairman Carmen Ramirez talked about RULER, options for new to our country students finishing high school and the importance of coming to our ELAC meetings.

## IV. Legal Requirements - *The following is a summary of discussion/action(s), parent input or comments taken on any of the four above-described Legal Requirement(s) – (What and by Whom)*

Dr. Kwong talked about the number of English learners students in our school.

### Language Census School Report: 2021 -2022

Total Number of Students	1,755
Total English Learners (EL)	361 (20.56%)
Total Fluent Students (FEP)	49 (2.79%)
Total English Only Students (EO)	775 (44.15%)

### Languages

English Learners-Spanish	92.24%
English Learners-Other Languages	7.76%
Students Reclassified 2021-2022 (R-FEP)	568 (32.36%)

## V. Other Presentations or Guest Speakers

**Dr. Kwong** - Principal's report:

- Athletics/Activities - I've Got Your Back Bullying Assemblies on March 3. Boys & Girls Soccer begins 3/7. March 16 Spring Spotlight. March 17 MS Dance.
- Academics - focus in classrooms is on eliciting and responding to student thinking. More students talk.

- Registration - students will begin registering for their classes in March for next school year '23/'24
- Testing - SBA testing coming soon in May in our English, Math, and Science classrooms.

**Dr. Potnis - Principal's report:**

- March - Mindful March - taking care of your mental health is important. Reminder to check in with yourself and children.
- ELPAC testing in March - be on the lookout for phone calls and communication if your child is testing.
- We went to CIF girls soccer, boys basketball, and we won CIF State for Cheerleading

**Rosina Talamantes - ELD TOSA Secondary - **Concientización de ELPAC: Actividad de Capacitación****

The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

- The federal government mandates all states to have an English language proficiency assessment to identify their English learners and to measure their progress annually.
- The English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) is California's state test.
- The ELPAC must be given to students whose primary language is one other than English as determined on the Home Language Survey (HLS).
- The ELPAC must be administered to all eligible students from TK - 12
- Students are tested in four domains

**Jaclyn Gonzalez - Academic Counselor**

- Grade Level Course Selection Presentations Feb. 28th-March 10th
- Deadline to add a course request in Aeries is March 17th.
- Students Applying for Scholarships
- FAFSA - March 2
- February CTE Month
- Spring Spotlight March 16th
- Mustang RoadMap to College and Beyond - Current 9th-11th

**Dulce Castellón - OCC UndocuScholar Program Specialist**

- Complete 420 hours
- Opportunity to qualify as a California Resident (AB540)
- Apply to CA Dream Act (Financial Aid) after receiving AB540

**VI. Resources, Training Materials, and Handouts Distributed**

- Download REMIND App: Text @elacmesa to 81010 for ELAC updates and community resources
- Free OCTA Bus Pass- For youth ages 6-18. Valid until September 30, 2022.
- Raffle

**VII. Follow-up on Topic(s): Action by whom?**

Our next ELAC is on May 30, 2023 at 6 pm. At the school library.

**VIII. Questions/ Comments/ Evaluations**

1. A dad asked how students with an IEP get reclassified.
2. A mom made a comment that CMHS teachers provided so much support to her daughter when she recently moved to this country.
3. A dad asked how students who just arrived in this country receive support.
4. A mom asked when juniors should start looking for information about colleges and scholarships.
5. A dad asked who will be on campus when an interpreter is needed to be able to talk to the Social Worker Sub.

**IX. Adjournment**

ELAC Meeting was adjourned at **7:35 PM**. Our last ELAC meeting will be on Tuesday May 30, 2023 in the CMHS Library.

Minutes submitted by:

**Irasema McAllister**

**School Community Facilitator**

**Patricia Colin Secretary**

**Secretary - ELAC**