



English Learner Advisory Committee
ELAC #2

MINUTES

School Site: Raisin City Elementary School
Location: Room 206

Date: 11/8/2023
Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. Welcome

Jessica Juarez – Principal	Félix Pérez- EL Parent	Ana Alvarez -EL Parent
Areli Julicsa Celio- EL Parent	Luis Fernando Reséndiz -EL Parent	Enedelia Pérez- EL Parent
Monica Villicana- Staff	Nancy Gálvez- EL Parent	

II. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m.

III. Roll Call & Introductions

Jessica Juarez- Present	Felix Perez-Present	Monica Villicana-Present
Ana Alvarez -Absent	Areli Julicsa Celio- Present	Nancy Galvez- Present
Luis Fernando Resendiz- Present	Enedelia Perez-Present	

IV. Review and approve previous meeting minutes

Areli Julicsa Celio made first motion of approval. Felix Perez seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 8/30/2023. Unanimously approved.

V. DELAC Report

None at this time

VI. Old Business

None at this time

VII. New Business: Training Activity for Requirements #3

Assists in making parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.

Jessica Juarez: Today the most significant thing we will be going over is the importance of students attending school regularly. At the beginning of the year, we sent out this form. It explains the importance of attendance. It also goes over how absences affect students over all. (Jessica went over SARB process) We have parents that do not send their kids to school on a regular basis. These students accumulate an excessive number of absences. Laws are now stricter regarding attendance. The SARB process in California school attendance is a way to

help students who have persistent attendance or behavior problems. SARB stands for **School Attendance Review Board** The SARB process involves the following steps:

- The school notifies the parents or guardians of the student's unexcused absences and tries to work with them to improve the situation.
- If the problem persists, the school refers the student to the SARB, which holds a hearing and develops an intervention plan with the student and the parents or guardians.
- The SARB monitors the student's progress and provides support and resources as needed.
- If the student fails to comply with the intervention plan, the SARB may refer the student and the parents or guardians to court or other agencies.

The goal of the SARB process is to keep students in school and provide them with a meaningful educational experience, while diverting them from the juvenile justice system. The SARB process also aims to improve graduation rates and reduce the number of dropouts in the state.

Felix Perez: Sorry to interrupt but what happens right now that my children have been sick, and they've been absent?

Jessica Juarez: Your son attended school and was sent home due to illness so it's not the same type of absence, it is excused. Its more so when the child is absent for 3 consecutive days.

Jessica Juarez: Explained Unexcused Absence/ Truancy process. Officer Lenoard is the one sent to homes to hand parents these letters. I know last year some parents were a little upset and afraid that the officer showed up to their homes. However, he is not there to arrest or intimidate anyone. He is there to assist parents and see how we can help to assure students are being sent to school regularly.

Felix Perez: Is there any type of incentives or prize for parents and students that have perfect attendance?

Jessica Juarez: Yes, we have pizza parties and there's a yearly fieldtrip for students. That was a breakdown of SARB. Our goal is to work

Felix Perez: Having a police officer show up at your home can be a little intimidating I've went thru a similar situation.

Jessica Juarez: Our intention is not to intimidate anyone we brought the officer to open house to meet with parents. He was here educating parents about the SARB process. We want to work as a team to better our student's attendance. 8th graders with 18 or more unexcused absences will not be allowed to walk in the promotion ceremony. Any questions? (Went over 5 top results of poor attendance and reviewed Fresno County Probation Department Form) School can be difficult for some of our students, having excessive absences worsens the situation. Any questions, comments or suggestions that could help with student assistance?

Felix Perez: Parents need to take responsibility and send students to school. I think it's a good idea to send letters home and have the officer do home visits.

Nancy Galvez: Perhaps the officer should come during parent teacher conference to meet with parents. That is when we have the majority of parents on campus. This way parents are familiar with the officer.

Jessica Juarez: Yes, that is a very good idea.

VIII. Public Comments

Felix Perez: I think bringing the officer on campus to meet with parents is a very good idea also.

Jessica Juarez: Yes, I know he also services 4 other districts. We will definitely look into having him here during parent teacher conferences. We follow the same SARB process as Caruthers High School the goal was to reflect their system. When your children go to high school the process will be the same. Progress reports will be going out this Friday. These are not the final grades they let you know where you child stands as of now. Grades will go out in December 15. Today we are holding Literacy Night and Math night you are all more than welcome to attend. Next week we have a turkey run it's a very fun event. I didn't realize how important the Turkey Run was but it's a big deal in the community it's a fun event. So come out and join us Friday the 17 at 10:30am. Even the teachers participate.

IX. Recommendations to SCC

None at this time

X. Next ELAC meeting:

February 15th, 2024 @ 5:00pm

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Areli Julicsa Celio made the 1st motion to adjourn the ELAC meeting at 6:01pm. Felix Perez made the 2nd motion to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted: Monica Villicana Date: 11/8/23