



English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Mariners Elementary

Meeting Date: 03/19/2024 | **Time:** 8:45am

Location: 2100 Mariners Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Attendance – See attached list.

-Parents: 4 | **-School Staff:** 3 | **-District Staff:** 00 | **-Guests:** 00

MINUTES

Required Topics/ Training Covered:	
Check topic(s) covered at this meeting and reflected in minutes.	
1	ELAC parent members have been elected by parents or guardians of English learners (ELs). Parents or guardians of English learners must constitute at least the same percentage of the ELAC membership as their children represent the student body.
2	Elect one to two members to the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC).
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.
4	Advise the principal and staff in the development of a site plan for ELs as part of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Review current year SPSA/Annual Evaluation Mid-Year SPSA Progress Report Advise on next year's SPSA
5	Administration of a Districtwide needs assessment on a school-by-school basis to parents of all English learners.
6	Review school results of the EL needs assessment.
7	Administration of the school's Annual Language Census; share relevant English learner schoolwide data.
8	Promote ways to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.
9	Provide input on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) actions, services, and expenditures as they impact English learners and families.

I. Call To Order/Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at **08:50 AM** by Antoinette Coe, School Principal. She welcomed all present to the Mariners Elementary English Learner Advisory Committee and asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

II. Approval of Minutes

School Principal, Antoinette Coe, read the minutes from the **12/09/2023** meeting. It was moved by Iosefa Matagi, and seconded by Ricardo Gonzalez, that the minutes be approved as written.

III. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Report

DELAC Representative, Olha Kryzhanivska, was not present during the meeting. The report from the **DELAC** meeting was not shared. Principal Coe explained what DELAC is.

IV. Required Topics - *The following summarizes the discussion, parent input or comments, and action(s) taken on any of the above-described required topics.*

- 1. Review of the Parent/Family Engagement Policy.** Principal Coe shared the parent engagement policy. Explained it can be found in the online handbook. This document is no longer printed, but it is available upon request. Principal Coe asked the present if there are any comments or suggestions they would like to share.
- 2. English Learners Middle of the year data:** Principal Coe share the data of students who were low in the beginning of the year. The students are now becoming proficient. She stated the data is reflective of 12 students in total. The goal is to see the red and yellow shrink and the green and blue grow.

VI. Other Presentations:

- 1. Programs at Newport Harbor High School.** Principal Sean Bolton shared a sampling of the many different programs available at Newport Harbor High School. He invited parents to learn about the classes available so that they could encourage their students to choose from the broad selection. He explained these electives provide career options so that the students can graduate high school career ready. He encouraged parents to help their students become reclassified as fluent English speakers so that they may become eligible to take these courses. Principal Boulton also shared about career pathways, sports, AVID, and the biliteracy seal.

VII. Questions/Comments/Evaluations

Q: What is SSC?

A: Principal Coe said it's a group composed of five parents and 5 staff members. The positions are filled at the beginning of the year, parents are voted for. The information gathered in ELAC is taken to SSC by Principal Coes. These meetings are virtual and open to all. Zoom links are posted on the school's website.

Q: Are the career pathways the same as Advanced Placement (AP) classes?

A: Principal Boulton shared they are different, but students can take both kinds at the same time. Although more students are opting for career pathways. Students can begin career pathways in their junior year (11th grade).

Q: Are the career pathways the same as a technical career?

A: The pathways help to prepare students to graduate career ready. They can begin these courses once the students are in their junior year. It is a good idea for students to take these courses to help them be prepared for higher education. For example, if a student wants to become an engineer, then it would be good idea to choose the pathway that might prepare the student the best.

Q: Is the college pathway possible for English Learners?, and how can we prevent English Learners from falling behind when they have the ability to comprehend science and math?

A: Currently the numbers of English Learners are low. Parents need to be more involved and advocate for their students to be placed in the right classes. Parents and students are encouraged to speak to their counselors, as that is primarily their role.

Q: Do students get tested to place them in a pathway?

A: Principal Bolton stated all students take the same English class. When students are in 8th grade teachers and counselors from both schools work together to place the student in the best math class for them (geometry, honors algebra, etc.). Junior students advocate for their own.

Q: Is there funding for sports at Mariners Elementary?

A: There are after school activities, but they are paid. Secondary schools offer summer programs, and we will make sure to disseminate this information to our families.

Q: If a student is in sport, do they still have to take P.E.?

A: Yes, there is swimming, yoga, or regular physical education.

Q: What is AVID? It is a program that offers support to students to be competitive applicants to 4-year universities. Some of the funding for this program comes from the district and some from our foundation. There are two classes for every grade level. Students must apply to become part of AVID. Students do not need to be in AVID since Ensign to be a part of AVID in Newport High School.

Q: Is the Biliteracy Seal available in American Sign Language (ASL)? Currently, Newport Harbor offers the Biliteracy Seal in French and Spanish. Other languages could qualify, but parents need to reach out to outside agencies.

Parents requested a glossary explaining educational terms. Iliana Carvajal, SCF, told parents the document will be ready by the next meeting.

Parents also requested more information on Ensign Middle School Open House. And Language Academy information.

VIII. Adjournment

The ELAC Meeting was adjourned at **10:50 AM**. The next ELAC meeting will be at **9:45 AM** on **5/29/2024**, in person.

Minutes submitted by: **Iliana Carvajal Aguirre, SCF**