



Redlands Unified School District

Multilingual Education & Family Engagement Department Educational Services Division

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DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2024 6:00 PM – District PDC 20 Lugonia Avenue, Redlands CA

- I. **Welcome-** Alejandra DeLeon, DELAC President, opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone. She offered Spanish translation services to any attendees who need it. No one needed it.
- II. **Meeting called to order @ 6:04 pm**
- III. **Introduction & Department Update-** Sonya Balingit, Director of Multilingual education and Family Engagement introduced RUSD staff Laura Garcia, EL Program Specialists, Coordinator of Equity and Diversity, and teacher Rosalba Schessler. She explained how each person supports English Learners.
- IV. **Review DELAC Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025-** Mrs. Balingit shared the schedule and demonstrated how to find the schedule online on the district website. She thanked everyone for being flexible since the meeting had to be moved to today due to the recent Line Fire in Highland.
- V. **Establishing our Meeting Norms and Working Agreements-** This was explained and there was an opportunity for input and comments.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – None (first meeting of the year)
- VII. **School Reports-** None (first meeting of the year)
- VIII. **What is DELAC?** A slide with the CDE definition of DELAC was presented.
- IX. **Purpose and Goals of DELAC-** Mrs. Balingit reviewed the purpose and annual goals for DELAC and shared RUSD has approximately 3,000 EL & reclassified students combined. DELAC ensures compliance, reviews reclassification procedures and provide suggestions for LCAP, just to name a few.

- X. **RUSD EL Programs & Goals** were explained as follows:
 - a. Structured English Immersion-Program & Options were explained
 - b. Title III Funding- goes directly to school sites and is reflected in each school plan (SPSA)
 - c. Curriculum-for English Learners was shared and an example of Title III funding spent was explained for new curriculum that was just purchased; Benchmark Hello is coming this year for Newcomers
 - d. Professional Development-Title III funds can be used for training for staff & parents
- XI. **Needs Assessment-** (Activity) Mrs. Balingit passed out a Needs Assessment Handout to each person. She listed some topics to provide ideas, as well as an open space where people could add their own ideas. There was an opportunity to share out the needs.
- XII. **ELPAC State Assessment-** Mrs. Balingit explained ELPAC testing and provided the NEW web address. She reminded parents that they could go online and have their students take practice tests. She also explained that TK students are no longer given the initial ELPAC. They are now TBD until they are tested for the first time in Kindergarten.
- XIII. **Reclassification Procedures-** Mrs. Balingit reviewed ELPAC criteria for grades TK-5, 6-12, and for students with disabilities. Mrs. Balingit reminded families that NEW out of our recent FPM audit, parents only need to be consulted to meet the reclassification criteria. Consent is not required.
- XIV. **Family Events & Resources-** Alejandra De Leon shared information on:
 - a. SBCSS Family & Community Engagement Summit – September 21st which is a free event at the University of Redlands.
 - b. RUSD Community Resource Fair at RHS- October 21st
 - c. Plaza Comunitaria- Mon. & Wed. @ Clement Middle School. Offer free English classes
 - d. Redlands Adult School-Offers Citizenship classes and Mrs. Balingit demonstrated how to access the website.
 - e. School Safety Posters- Mrs. Balingit shared NEW posters and safety protocols with families. Posters are in English and Spanish. Mrs. De Leon asked if the reports are anonymous and Mrs. Balingit confirmed that indeed they are anonymous. Mrs. Balingit also showed parents

how they can file a complaint online using RUSD's website. Mrs. De Leon asked where that complaint would go if it is filed. Mrs. Balingit responded to let her know that it would go directly to the compliance department.

XV. **Discussion Items from previous meeting & items for next meeting-**

Superintendent Juan Cabral made a surprise visit. He thanked everyone for their patience last week during the Line Fire and school closures. He also let families know that students will now also be trained on sexual harassment. Students will learn "What it means to violate someone's boundary." One elementary, one middle, and one high school will be chosen to pilot the training. Some students may be able to opt out. However, Mr. Cabral would like to have parents have the opportunity to preview the curriculum and provide suggestions. Mrs. Garcia stated that she is worried about school safety. Mr. Cabral assured her that it is one of his highest concerns. Students are sometimes sending text messages with miscommunication. He explained how RUSD is working on being transparent with parents explaining why lockdowns are called. Mr. Cabral would like to train staff on the difference between a Critical Alert and Lockdown. He discussed the Middle School policy of No cell phones allowed. Mrs. Schessler, from RHS, stated that the entire staff was trained on what to do during a safety alert and tomorrow students will be trained. Then they will have a safety drill. Mrs. Garcia thanked the Superintendent for really explaining procedures, because it makes her feel better as a parent. "This year every school will get trained or retrained," according to Superintendent Cabral. Mrs. Balingit thanked Superintendent Cabral and asked if there were any discussion items for the next meeting. None were shared.

XVI. **Next meeting date** October 23, 2024 – DELAC Officer Elections/Nominations

XVII. **Meeting adjourned @** 7:15 by DELAC President, Alejandra DeLeon