



# Redlands Unified School District

## Multilingual Education & Family Engagement Department Educational Services Division

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### DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

#### MEETING MINUTES October 23, 2024 6:00 PM – District PDC 20 W Lugonia Avenue, Redlands CA

- I. **Welcome** – Norma Alejandra DeLeon (President of DELAC) introduced herself, welcomed members and called meeting to order.
- II. **Call meeting to order @ 6:07 pm**
- III. **Approval of Minutes**-Copies of the minutes were provided in both English and Spanish. Members were reminded that minutes are always available to view on the district website. Sonya Balingit, Director of Multilingual Education explained that the minutes are like a story of what was discussed at the last meeting. Ms. DeLeon highlighted the fact that Superintendent Cabral spoke about safety at the last meeting. Ms. DeLeon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Maria Huerta made the first motion and Mrs. Addie Romagnoli made a second motion, motion carried.
- IV. **School Reports**- Mrs. Balingit displayed the reports and made paper copies available as well. She highlighted the fact that Lugonia was having and upcoming ELAC meeting. Mrs. Balingit asked if anyone was present from Mission or Victoria who would like to report something from their school. Viridiana Mercado, Victoria parent, shared about an upcoming movie night and October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween celebration.
- V. **District Update & Information:**
  - a. **SBCSS Multilingual Seal of Biliteracy Awards Ceremony**- Mrs. Schessler, RHS EL support teacher, is the district coordinator for this event. She shared the event will be held next Monday, at the California Theater of the Arts. 203 students will be recognized, in 18 different languages. A parent asked if her 9<sup>th</sup> grade son would have the opportunity to earn the seal and Mrs. Schessler responded it could be granted in his senior year if he is able to meet the

criteria. She briefly explained the criteria. Mrs. Schessler encouraged the parent to let the student know what the criteria is.

- VI. DELAC Bylaws review-**Mrs. DeLeon asked Mrs. Balingit to shared information regarding the bylaws. Mrs. Balingit explained that this document provides the rules of the DELAC committee, paper copies were available in English and Spanish for review. The officer’s section was reviewed. Mrs. Balingit asked members to review the bylaws and bring back any input for changes or additions to the next meeting. She also encouraged members to email her with input on the bylaws at any time before the next meeting.
- VII. Annual Acceptance of Nominations for Membership and Officers-** Ms. Balingit explained the role of DELAC and the different officer positions and welcomed each parent and staff member to be a part of the general committee. Mrs. DeLeon asked for a motion to approve the members present. Rosalba Schessler made the first motion and Addie Romagnoli made a second motion. The motion carried. Then Mrs. DeLeon asked if anyone in the room would like to nominate someone else or themselves for an officer position. Ms. DeLeon nominated Mariela Morales Guzman (EL Rep from Lugonia). Then Mrs. Balingit accepted that, but then reminded everyone that it is preferred that parents are nominated for the positions. Then Alejandra DeLeon nominated Rocio Vasquez, although she was not present. Then Mrs. Balingit asked if anyone in the room would be interested in serving in one of those positions. Mrs. DeLeon then proceeded to share with everyone how beneficial it can be to serve on the committee. Ms. Brande Smith asked if Ms. Leon could serve for another year. So, Ms. Smith nominated Alejandra DeLeon (parent) for Chair once again and Ms. Romagnoli made a second motion. Rebecca Astorga nominated Addie Romagnoli (staff) for the position of secretary. Alejandra DeLeon nominated Maria Huerta (parent) to be Spokesperson. Brande Smith nominated Viridiana Mercado (parent) as Vice Chair. Rosalba Schessler made the first motion to approve the nominations as discussed and Addie Romagnoli made a second motion. All in favor, the motion carried.
- VIII. DELAC Needs Assessment Review-** Mrs. Balingit shared a paper copy of the needs assessment results from the previous meeting. She provided an example of one of the needs: *Tutoring for English Learners* was mentioned as a need. She also let the committee know that needs can be shared at any time. If they think of something in the future, they can continue to add to the need’s assessment. Mrs. DeLeon shared that the Smiley Public Library offers tutoring sessions for families and provide books for free.

Mrs. DeLeon said that it would be a good idea to bring this information to the school sites. She shared particulars of the meeting and shared that the program is free. She got this information from the ELAC meeting at Lugonia Elementary today. Then Mrs. Balingit also shared that on the Needs Assessment at Lugonia stated that ELPAC and ELPAC prep is a need. Mr. Huerta stated that it may be difficult for parents to be able to take advantage of the program at the library due to lack of transportation to downtown.

**IX. Parent Events:**

- a. Redlands Turkey Trot and A.K. Smiley Library Día de los Muertos-Ms. DeLeon let everyone know that the Día de los Muertos will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Smiley Public Library. She also shared information about the Turkey Trot that will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at University of Redlands. This is a fundraiser and last year REP donated \$70,000 to Redlands Unified School District teachers and principals.

**X. Discussion Items from previous meeting-** None

- XI. Good of the Order/ Discussion items for next meeting-** Mrs. Balingit will share ELPAC prep information with everyone at the next meeting. She asked if there are any other items that the committee would like to bring up at the next meeting. Mrs. DeLeon stated that she would like to discuss the offerings at Smiley Public Library.

**XII. Next meeting dates:** Virtual Meetings on 11/20/24 / DELAC training

**XIII. Meeting adjourned @ 6:45pm**