



Redlands Unified School District

Multilingual Education & Family Engagement Department Educational Services Division

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DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024

6:00 PM – Virtual Zoom

<https://redlands-k12.zoom.us/j/82561727357> Meeting ID: 825 6172 7357

- I. **Welcome** – Sonya Balingit, Director, welcomed everyone to the first virtual DELAC meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. She introduced the president Norma De Leon, DELAC President, who welcomed the members.
- II. **Call meeting to order** @ 6:07 pm by Norma De Leon.
- 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. Mrs. Balingit reminded members that they can always preview minutes ahead of each meeting on the RUSD website. After reviewing the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Addie Romagnoli. A second motion was made by Rebecca Astorga. No comments. The motion passed.
- IV. **School Reports**- Mrs. Balingit shared the school reports with the DELAC committee and explained that the elementary school sites were preparing for the first trimester report cards and parent/teacher conferences. She explained that for each DELAC meeting, school sites are asked to share what is happening at their sites with the DELAC committee.
- V. **District Update & Information:**
 - a. **ELPAC testing & practice:** Mrs. Balingit shared information about the Summative & Alternate ELPAC assessment given annually to all English learner students across the district in grade K-12. The testing window is annually from February 1st to May 31st. She reminded parents that this assessment is required by law as a means to measure the growth of each

English learner student annually, and that there was no opt out option for this assessment. Mrs. Balingit shared a portion of the ELPAC parent information video.

- b. Mrs. Balingit further explained that parents can visit the website *caaspp-elpac.org* for more information about the ELPAC assessment.
- c. Mrs. Balingit shared that on the ELPAC website parents can find the *Parent Guide to Understanding* the ELPAC and that this document is found in multiple languages. She let the DELAC committee know that these parent guides would be shared with all the EL Representatives at the next EL Rep Meeting. She explained that each school site has an EL Representative and that meetings are held regularly to keep all sites up to date. Mrs. Balingit included in her slides the top four languages spoken by families in RUSD.
- d. To conclude the discussion about ELPAC, Mrs. Balingit shared that the ELPAC website also had helpful resources for students to practice the ELPAC assessment. Mrs. De Leon asked for a link to the DELAC slides so she could access the links on the slide. Mrs. Romagnoli shared the link to the ELPAC slides in the chat. Ms. Monica Garcia, the EL Rep at Franklin, asked if the district offered any programs like, for example, *Imagine Learning*, which she stated was used for ELs to bridge the gap and give them the extra support they may need. Mrs. Balingit shared that RUSD is currently not adopting any new curriculum for ELD and that the ELD program currently being used is aligned to the ELA curriculum and covers the ELD standards, but that she was open to hear about any new programs for the future. Mrs. Balingit shared that RUSD offers all ELs an SEI program. Ms. Monica Garcia, the EL Rep for Franklin, asked where she could find the SEI program. Mrs. Balingit shared the definition of SEI (Structured English Immersion) as the method in which English learners in RUSD receive the majority of their instruction in English. Mrs. Romagnoli explained that integrated and designated ELD were part of the SEI program being offered to English learners in RUSD, and that through integrated and designated ELD, English learners receive access to both core content standards and the ELD standards.

- VI. DELAC Bylaws-** Mrs. Balingit shared that she had not received any suggestions for changes to the DELAC Bylaws that were shared with the DELAC committee at the previous meetings. Norma De Leon asked for a motion to

approve the DELAC Bylaws. A motion to approve was made by Rebecca Astorga, a second by Norma de Leon. Motion carried.

- VII. DELAC Officer Results:** The results of the 2024-2025 DELAC elections were shared as follows: Chairperson- Norma Alejandra De Leon (parent), Vice Chairperson- Viridiana Mercado (parent) Secretary-Addie Romagnoli (staff), Spokesperson- Maria Huerta (parent). Voting Process: Mrs. Balingit briefly reminded parents of the voting process of action items for DELAC.
- VIII. DELAC Parent Training:** Mrs. Balingit shared that one of the many responsibilities of DELAC was to offer parent training on what DELAC is and its purpose and function. Mrs. Balingit trained the DELAC members on the law process, DELAC responsibilities, and the Greene Act. A link to the DELAC training in Spanish was placed in the chat for parents to follow along during the training. No questions or comments were made. A Multilingual Department contact list was shared with members to call or email at any time with support and questions. Mrs. Balingit briefly explained what Federal Program Monitoring was and that DELAC was one of several compliance pieces of the state's review of the Multilingual Education Department in Redlands USD.
- IX. Family Events:** Mrs. De Leon shared informational flyers for both events.
- a. DAAPAC Event
 - b. Turkey Trot: Mrs. Balingit explained that the REP Foundation was a sponsor for this event and that proceeds from this event allowed the REP Foundation to continue to support programs at RUSD.
- X. Discussion Items from previous meeting-** Smiley Public Library offerings: Mrs. Balingit thanked Norma De Leon for sharing the trifold from Smiley Library offering adult literacy programs, and programs for reading and writing. Mrs. Balingit shared that she found the website for Smiley Library and had linked it to the DELAC slides.
- XI. Good of the Order/ Discussion items for next meeting-** nothing was suggested by DELAC. Mrs. Balingit shared that she would review the CA Dashboard data for English learners at the February meeting and share LCAP information with parents how the district supports growth for all English learners.
- XII. Next meeting dates:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025 VIRTUAL
- XIII. Meeting adjourned @ 6:39** by Mrs. De Leon.