Turlock Unified School District

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Coordinator of Equity Initiatives

DELAC Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2025
1:00-2:30 pm

This Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.
The meeting was in-person and held in the district's Family Resource Center. Members were mailed the agenda and previous meeting minutes prior to the meeting.

Present:
Brown: Tina Cantu-Newcomer ELD Teacher
Crowell: Alma Franco,Kelly Villalobos-Newcomer ELD Teacher
Cunningham- Yolanda Alonzo
Earl: Caty Nariman-Community Liaison, Lobe Sheeno, Erica Maldonado Higle-Newcomer ELD Teacher
Osborn: Anaid Alvarado
Dutcher: Anaid Alvarado
Turlock High: Janine Arakelian- Assistant Principal**,** Erika Cortes
Wakefield: Laura Wenstrand-Assistant Principal
Pitman: Janet Clemente
Roselawn: Michelle Bliss-Principal

TUSD District Office: Angelica Cardenas Ayala, Coordinator of Equity Initiatives, Leticia Aguilar-District Translator

Sites not in Attendance: Medeiros, Turlock Jr. High School, Julien, eCademy, Walnut, Julien

Introduction of Members & Staff:
Angelica Cardenas Ayala, Coordinator of Equity Initiatives welcomed members. All attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda:
The Office of English Learners, Assessment, & Special Programs mailed members the agenda and previous meeting minutes to members prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:
All members unanimously approved the minutes for February 4th, 2025

District Information

I. District Newcomer Program

District ELD teachers presented on the newcomer English Language Development (ELD) program in Turlock Unified School District. Topics covered included:

- The different types of ELD instruction offered
- An overview of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)
- Criteria for identifying students as "newcomers"
- Types of support services available for newcomer students
- A summary of the diverse countries represented by newcomer students in the district

II. Districtwide Testing Schedule and Testing Tips for Students and Families

Angelica Cardenas Ayala, Coordinator of Equity Initiatives, reviewed the districtwide testing schedule. Tips and resources were shared with families to help them support their children during upcoming assessments.

Public Input/News from the Schools

During the public comment portion of the meeting, parents shared the following:

- A request for ELD teacher support at the high school level
- Site-level updates on ELAC activities, such as the implementation of a newcomer academy and tabling at freshman orientation events

Legal Items

I. School Attendance

Information regarding the importance of school attendance and springtime reminders was provided to parents.

Parent Request Items

➢ Questions about ParentSquare, specifically regarding how to access information and update language preferences

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at about 2:33 p.m.