English Learner Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2025

1. The morning started off with introductions from the whole group of participants:

   Norma Santiago (Parent)

   Ricardo Santiago (Parent)

   Maria Valente (Parent)

   Artemio Meneses (Parent)

   Mariel Martinez (Parent)

   Jazmin Barker (Parent)

   Gisselle Ortiz (Social Services Assistant-SSA)

   Julianne Ettinger (Principal)

2. SSA Miss Gisselle and Principal Ettinger introduced themselves and reminded the ELAC families of their roles and responsibilities, including their core values.
3. SSA Gisselle presented the group with the minutes of Hermosa's last ELAC meeting
   a. The topic of internet safety arose and was discussed/The group confirmed that it was still interested in learning more about it
   b. Parents shared that the rest of the meeting was a get-together, as it was the last of the school year, and they wanted to celebrate
   c. The committee then approved the minutes

4. Elected positions discussion

   a. Accepting nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary

b. Principal Ettinger passed around a form for those to write their names with the position they are most interested in
c. If a Secretary who isn't SSA Gisselle is chosen, Hermosa Drive's ELAC bylaws will be changed to fit our

5. Principal Ettinger presented the parents with the ELAC annual training presentation

a. Once the Needs Assessment slide was presented, the committee began discussing things they would like to see for the school year
b. Internet safety, adding cyber-bullying into that presentation, conversations, updates on immigration, and the usage of translation devices, practice
c. The importance of having a reason to come to ELAC– parents want to see more incentives for the students of the ELAC participants, as well as the parents, for attending these meetings

6. School-Wide Assessment

a. Principal Ettinger reviewed school-site assessments and focused on the ELPAC.
b. Principal Ettinger addressed the possibility of a presentation about the ELPAC and reclassification. Participants responded that they were interested in this.
c. Principal Ettinger will reach out to the district regarding a guest speaker

7. Public Comments

a. Participants had some questions regarding the possibility of the Dual Language Academy at Hermosa. Principal Ettinger reviewed the DLA Expansion Committee

meetings she was attending with another parent and teacher, and gave details about the Dual Language Program.

b. Participants discussed how we could further grow the ELAC. Participants discussed distributing flyers with ELAC meeting dates at conferences and enhancing Sunday messages about meetings. Incentives to join the meeting were also discussed.

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM