

English Learner Parent Advisory Council

Meeting minutes

October 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Facilitators: Hannah Feintuch, Komal Bhasin, Carmen Livesay, Lauren Beltran

Participants: Nine Families

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion of What is ELPAC
 - a. ELPAC is voluntary and meant for families of Multilingual Learners
 - b. The ELPAC is a group of caregivers who advise the district and the school committee on matters relating to English language learners. The goal of ELPAC is to improve educational opportunities for English language learners.
2. Overview of MPS Population
 - a. 7 Schools serving more than 6,000 students
3. Discussion of how English Learners are identified and their progress is measured
 - a. Example of three students' processes of identification and their services
 - b. ACCESS overview and Sample Question Review
4. Preview of Multilingual Learner Success Forms
 - a. Instruction on how to read Success Form
5. Presentation of Key Decision to be Made: Graduation Requirement for MPS
 - a. Graduation requirement decision: slow phase-in approach or rigorous approach with new standards set
 - b. Thought-Exchange participation showed preference for a slow phase-in approach
6. Discussion of Future Meetings
 - a. Vote for various times- no consensus
 - b. Possible implications- varying times of ELPAC meetings