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DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

MINUTES

October 23, 2025

5:30 PM

District Office- PDC

I. Welcome

- Sonya Balingit, Director and Ms. Mercado welcomed everyone.

II. Call meeting to order

- @ 5:34 Viridiana Mercado DELAC Vice President (Parent, Victoria) called the meeting to order.

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 Rosalba Schessler. A second motion was made by Brian Rice. No comments. The motion passed.

IV. School Reports

- Mrs. Balingit displayed and shared paper copies of the school reports with the committee in English/Spanish.

V. District Update & Information:

- SBCSS Multilingual Seal of Biliteracy Awards Ceremony- Rosalba Schessler shared information regarding the upcoming Seal of Biliteracy celebration:
 1. 21 language are represented this year in RUSD
 2. County recognition ceremony will be held on Nov. 19th at the California Theatre of Performing Arts in San Bernardino from 6-8 pm
 - a) registration has already taken place and will be live streamed for anyone wanting to watch the ceremony
 3. Maria Huerta (parent, Clement/REV) asked how students obtain the Seal of Biliteracy? Rosalba Schessler explained the two main requirements are English proficiency, complete all ELA requirements for graduation with a letter grade of A or B, show English proficiency on the CAASPP, obtain a score of 480 on the SAT in English Other Language Proficiency:
 - a) AP course in the language of choice for at least 3 years
 - b) AP course Exam passed

- c) Test approved by the state of CA for language of choice
- d) Viridiana Mercado (parent Victoria/ Vice President) asked when students could apply for the Seal? Rosalba Schessler explained that it is open to all 12th grade students who met the above requirements

District Visitor: Superintendent Juan Cabral

- Sonya Balingit introduced RUSD Superintendent, Juan Cabral
- Mr. Cabral introduced himself and thanked all the parents for their attendance. He briefly shared with the committee that RUSD values parent voices to remind parents that there are many ways to share their ideas regarding their children’s education. He gave two examples:
 - a) California Parental Opt-Out
 - b) Parent rights to ask for a review of a specific book that may not align to the parents’ values, religious beliefs, etc.

Superintendent Cabral thanked parents for their support in passing Measure D for the improvement and updates to all RUSD schools. He also reminded parents of the importance of school attendance, especially since enrollment is down roughly 500 students from the previous school year.

VI. DELAC Bylaws review: Sonya Balingit reviewed the Bylaws with the committee and copies were shared in English/Spanish. 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.

VII. Annual Acceptance of Nominations for Membership and Officers

1. Membership of DELAC committee: A motion was made to approve the DELAC committee as presented. 1st Viridiana Mercado (parent, Victoria) 2nd Brian Rice (teacher/EL Rep RHS) , all in favor. Motion passed.

Mrs. Balingit shared the roles and responsibilities of the DELAC officers and asked for nominations:

- Jennie Ruvulcaba (teacher/EL Rep Highland Grove) nominated Tatiana Diaz (parent, Highland Grove) to the position of Vice President of DELAC
- Addie Romagnoli nominated Viridiana Mercado (parent, DELAC VP, Victoria) to the position of President of DELAC
- Addie Romagnoli nominated Rosalba Schessler (Program Specialist) to the position of secretary of DELAC secretary
- Addie Romagnoli nominated Maria Huerta (parent, Clement/REV) to the position of DELAC spokesperson.

A motion to approve the officers as presented was made by Addie Romagnoli, and second motion by Brain Rice. All in favor. Motion passed.

VIII. California School Dashboard

Sonya Balingit shared the <https://caaspp-elpac.ets.org/caaspp/> website with the committee and explained that every October the State test results were published for the public to view. She showed parents how to find the RUSD schools and shared the 2025 RUSD Summative ELPAC chart and explained that the district uses the data to provide needed support and that decisions were based on areas where students show a need for growth. Miriam Mejia (teacher/EL REP) asked for the website and Sonya

Balingit read aloud the website address for the committee and reminded the committee that this website is open to the public to review.

IX. DELAC Needs Assessment Review

- a. Sonya Balingit shared the Needs Assessment review in English and explained that all the suggestions were collected by school site and added to the Needs Assessment suggestion document. She encouraged parents to add anything new and to turn it in to Rosalba Schessler or email to Sandra Garcia. A copy of the translated Needs Assessment will be share by Sandra Garcia via email in the next week.
- b. Sonya Balingit shared that Title III funding had increased a bit this year due to an adjustment to the 2024-2025 funding allocation. She also shared that \$74,000 would be used to purchase Summit K-12, and online support program for 6-12 grade ELs who needed support with the four domains assessed on the ELPAC. Maria Huerta (parent Clement/REV) asked if the program was available for Reclassified students and Rosalba Schessler explained that the program was intended to support students who are struggling to pass the Summative ELPAC. She reminded the committee that reclassified students no longer take the Summative ELPAC.

X. Family Events- Information regarding the following events were shared:

- a) Sonya Balingit shared the upcoming Family Night for English Learner Parents to support literacy on Oct. 30th 5;30-7:00 at the District Office
- b) Turkey Trot Flyer
 - 1. Tatiana Diaz (parent/Highland Grove) asked where she could find information about the scholarships for students to enter the race. Sonya Balingit shared that she would ask Sandra Garcia to find out how the scholarships are provided and whom to contact and get that information out to her.

XI. Discussion Items from previous meeting- none

XII. Good of the Order/ Discussion items for next meeting/Discussion Items from previous meeting

XIII. Next meeting dates: 11/20/25 / DELAC training

XIV. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned @ 6:30pm by Viridiana Mercado new President of DELAC.