



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

English Learner Committee (ELAC)

School: Roosevelt

Date of ELAC meeting: 12 / 02 / 2025

Members present: Sign in sheet is attached.

Mandated Topics: (Check the topic(s) covered)

	1. Assist in the development of school-wide need assessment.
	2. Assist with efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.
x	3. Advise the principal and staff in the development of a site plan for ELs and submit plan to the school council for consideration of inclusion in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
x	4. Receives training to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities.
x	5. Elect representative(s) for the District English Learner Advisory Committee

I The meeting started at 8:45am

II **MEETING MINUTES:** Parents read the minutes from previous mtg although we did not have quorum to approve them.

III **DELAC Report:** Stefanie Serrato (also the current DELAC President) gave a brief summary of the November mtg and announced the DELAC breakfast for ELAC/DELAC position holders.

IV **ELAC Mandated Topic(s): ELAC Elections,** three parents self-nominated for various open ELAC positions. By unanimous vote of all the parents present, Maricela Guevara was elected ELAC President, Xiomara Siguenza Vice President and Sonia Morales, DELAC Alternate. Stephanie Serrato was re-elected last year as DELAC rep and is still on her 2nd term. The new ELAC received a brief training on carrying out their legal responsibilities and a printed copy of the ELAC Handbook. **The other topic covered was SPSA-**Ms. Warren went over Goal#2 for EL.

V **ELAC Discussion /Recommendation** – due to time limits the ELAC will give input to the SPSA during another mtg.

There was a brief discussion about Benchmark the new program adopted by SMMUSD that is being implemented across grades for all EL students. A 4th grade parent thought this was good as teachers don't seem to have many materials to help EL's. The same parent encouraged others to advocate at the district level for materials for teachers. A 5th grade parent said she wished teachers would go over students' individual progress as an EL & help parents get a better understanding of the plan to support the student at school and at home. BCL suggested inviting Liz Cochran, Literacy Coach to give a presentation about Benchmark for EL students for next ELAC and parents agreed. A 5th grade parent shared a concern that EL's are performing below grade peers in state testing. A 4th grade parent suggested we invite Dr. Ashley Benjamin to discuss the district EL plans and reclassification like she did with LMS parents (parents agreed and Ms. Warren said she'll reach out to Dr. Benjamin). A 1st grade parent asked if the district makes a distinction between EL students who are new to this country vs. EL students who were born in the US and might have attended preschool and TK yet get classified as EL. The same 1st grade parent pointed out that some multilingual students in Kg might end up as EL because they are shy and do not speak up or interact with the district teachers who comes in to do the initial ELPAC because it's not their own teacher who does that testing even though the student might otherwise have no trouble speaking English, the parent also pointed out that not all kids have the same computer skills and that might be a disadvantage in the EL classification process. All parents wanted to know how the district measures progress for the EL students vs. general population peers. Ms. Warren, VP said growth is reflected in the yearly ELPAC and also gave a teacher's point of view. Parents were encouraged to have EL students practice on Dreambox, Reflex Math and Lexia and any other programs available via Clever. Parents requested having SPSA emailed by Ms. Warren so they can go over all the details and asked when the SPSA is finalized by the SSC so the ELAC input can be included. Parents requested admin send out a text message inviting and announcing the February 6 mtg. and said it would also help if parents could get a physical paper invite via Wednesday folder.



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VI Other presentation(s)- CA Dashboard Data, where to find it and how to read it.

VII Announcements: BCL will invite Liz Cochran to the January 6th meeting and newly formed ELAC will meet to go over agenda before the break. Michelle Soria announced the upcoming Winter Session with CREST and winter camps.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:55am

Respectfully submitted by

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