



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

English Learner Committee (ELAC)

School: Roosevelt

Date of ELAC meeting: 1 / 06 / 2026

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.
	3. Advise on the school program for English Learners
	4. Provide input to the School Site Council (SSC) on the development of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for English Learners
	5. Receive training to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities.
	6. Elect representative(s) for ELAC and the District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC)
x	7. Other

I The meeting started at 8:40am

II MEETING MINUTES: No minutes read, went directly into the presentation.

III DELAC Report: There was no DELAC update since last mtg in December 2025. There is a DELAC zoom on 1.29.26

IV ELAC Mandated Topic(s): Today's presentation was at ELAC request for educational purposes.

V ELAC Discussion /Recommendation – Parents appreciated the Benchmark Express presentation and found it very informative. A 5th grade parent asked how it works if a teacher has EL's at different levels in the class, for example a beginner and someone more advanced. Ms. Cochran explained that teachers can organize as how they see best, for example collaborate with another teacher within the same grade to work with all the beginners and more advanced students separately, but she also pointed out that students learn from each other and the benefit of mixed levels. The more advanced students get to test their skills by being the ones to explain things to others. All teachers still practice individualized teaching to what each student needs and in grade 4/5 EL's work with Ms. Zagor the Literacy Interventionist who also supports Tier 3 readers who need more help as well as any newcomer from another country. Students that have been reclassified get tracked for an additional 4 years. A 4th grade parent said she liked that teachers will now have to keep progress reports on EL students. The CREST coordinator asked how she can offer any additional support to EL students in CREST. A 1st grade parent asked if there is a home component to Benchmark EL and Ms. Cochran explained that students have access to books and workbooks that could be taken home over the summer to practice. All parents present said they wish they would have gotten a text reminder about the ELAC because they only got a flyer invitation. BCL said she will find out why the text message didn't go out as promised. A 2nd grade parent asked if they have more intentional class placement for EL students or if it's random. Dr. O who had stopped by for a little explained to parents that class placement is done with a computerized program but for English Learner placement she engages in a discussion with teachers for best placement possible.

VI Other presentation(s)- Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) Cochran Roosevelt Literacy Coach gave a presentation on Benchmark Express, the new district program to support Designated English Language Development for EL students in the classrooms.



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Michelle Soria, CREST coordinator talked about the Financial Aid process and all the classes students could participate in.

VII Announcements: BCL reminded parents that we will be holding monthly meetings for parents of English Learners and our next meeting will be February 3rd @ 8:40am. With our presenter being Dr. Benjamin Ashley, the director of Educational Services who will talk about the district goals for EL students and explain the reclassification process. BCL also reminded parents of the upcoming parent ed about STAR testing when we return from the 3 day weekend. On 1.20.26

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted by

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