



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

English Learner Committee (ELAC)

School: Roosevelt

Date of ELAC meeting: 3/ 03/ 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 by Maricela Guevara ELAC Pres and Xiomara Siguenza ELAC VP

II MEETING MINUTES: Ms. Guevara went over the February Minutes and they were approved.

III DELAC Report: Stefanie Serrato DELAC rep gave DELAC report.

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

V ELAC Discussion /Recommendation – Based on Ms. Zagor's presentation concerning English Learners, a 1st grade parent asked what can be done to offer early intervention reading supports? Can parents advocate in some way to have additional help in the classroom to support struggling readers, especially if they are EL? Another 1st grade parent asked who works with Kg-3 if the student is struggling in reading? The same 1st grade parent expressed some frustration that struggling students did not have access to Ms. Zagor until basically 4th grade, and it seems like helping struggling readers early made more sense. A 5th grade parent asked if all schools follow the same criteria for helping students and if the district set that criteria? The same parent commented that her children benefited from help in reading from Ms. Zagor before the district changed the criteria because her kids were able to get help in grade 3 and it made a big difference. A 4th grade parent asked if criteria is looked at 1x year or more often? Ms. Zagor explained that it's looked at 3 x year and the LLI will work with grade 4/5 students that are low Tier 3 but has to exit them once they reach 18%-20%. A 5th grade parent made a comment that it seems like being at 18-20% in reading is still very low since to reclassify the English Learner needs to score in the 38 % or higher two consecutive times on the STAR test and get a 4 on the ELPAC. Ms. Zagor will look at kids in grade 3 if and only if she has room in her schedule but currently the district has her working with EL's in grade 4/5 if they meet criteria. A Kg parent asked what can parents do to support their student? Ms. Zagor said for students to succeed they should strive to have a rich academic vocabulary and parents can help teach that vocabulary. A 1st grade parent stated that her student is EL but he does not speak Spanish or another language and how can you tell if the student is actually EL or if they are just learning English because as 1st graders, they don't have a word for everything yet. Ms. Zagor suggested parents speak to teachers about accessing Learning Ally, Lexia, Raz Kids and BrainPOP ELL via computer. Ms. Zagor suggested parents ask their teacher to assign books via the mentioned apps.



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A Kg parent asked if we have reading.com and if a student was determined to be IFEP in Kg if they are “watched” to see if they actually are EL? A 5th grade parent asked if we can offer the Academy Vocabulary Toolkit (AVC) at Roosevelt for students in grade 2/3 after school and if no teacher is available from Roosevelt can we get subs to teach the class? Ms. Warren AP stated that they can’t get subs to teach that class.

VI Other presentation(s)- Ms. Maura Zagor, Language & Literacy Interventionist (LLI) spoke about her role at Roosevelt, Tier 3 reading support and the EL program.

We also had a presentation from Trish with ELOP-Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs. Trish explained all about the programs covered and how to access them.

VII Announcements: The BCL reminded parents that we will be holding monthly meetings for parents of English Learners, and our next meeting will be April 14th @ 8:40am right after Spring Break. With our presenter being Dr. Ashley Benjamin, the director of Educational Services who will talk about the district goals for EL students and explain the reclassification process. The other presenter for community-based programs will be Boys & Girls Club to go over how to enroll in programs they offer at Roosevelt and in the community. Lastly, the BCL shared with parents that PTA will be hosting Dr. Dussan, the Director of Student Services who will present info. about school safety protocols & age-appropriate conversations concerning ICE on March 6th @ 10am in the school auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:02 am (1st motion Ms. Siguenza, 2nd motion Ms. Morales)

Respectfully submitted by

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