



English Learner Parents Leadership Council (PLC)
Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
Meeting Minutes (Semester 2)



Location: Skycrest Elementary School

Room: Media Center

Meeting time: 9:15-9:50 p.m.

English Learner Parents Leadership Council (PLC) Purpose:

- ✚ Provides EL families with an opportunity to take on a leadership role, volunteer, and provide input information to the district 's EL Plan
- ✚ Provides EL families leadership training and orientation on the district's ESOL program monitoring procedures
- ✚ Provides EL families with parent involvement options
- ✚ Informs EL families of opportunities to be represented on school and district advisory committees
- ✚ Obtains feedback to help improve the educational services for EL students
- ✚ Connects EL families with meaningful educational and community resources to help meet their children's and families' needs

Meeting Attendance:

- Araceli Hernandez, parent
- Jamel Pena, parent
- Hermelinda Simón, parent
- Delma Escamilla, parent
- Alicia Pérez, parent
- Joahana Jiménez, parent
- Odalis Corona, parent
- Quely Padilla, parent
- Angélica Vazquez, parent
- Jeremia Hombre, parent
- Jurimar Tovar, parent and school team
- Diana Brito, Quest Speaker -Community Partner
- Melva Muphy, ESOL teacher
- Adriana Frisby, ESOL teacher
- Isabel Santos, ESOL teacher
- Irma Varga, Bilingual Assistant
- Ericka Reckenwald, Coordinator, PCS Multilingual Family Services

Meeting Summary

- Meeting started at 9:15 a.m.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Overview

Presenter: Ericka Reckenwald, Family Outreach Coordinator, PCS Multilingual Family Services

- Participants were welcomed and introductions were conducted
- Overview of the Parent Leadership Council and its role in supporting multilingual families
- Review of the purpose and goals of the meeting
- Parents received a meeting folder that included:

- The meeting agenda
 - The monthly Multilingual Families newsletter with current updates
 - A family feedback survey
 - Additional school and community resources
- Emphasis on collaboration between families, schools, district, and community partners

2. District / Multilingual (ESOL) Family Services Update

Presenter: Ericka Reckenwald, Family Outreach Coordinator, PCS Multilingual Family Services

- Shared district updates on Multilingual (ESOL) Family Services and support systems for multilingual families
- Reviewed accomplishments and family engagement activities from the current school year, including workshops, academic resources, and community partnerships
- Provided information on **spring assessments**, testing expectations, and available **resources to support students during testing**
- Presented an overview of **Summer 2026 academic and enrichment programs**, including:
 - Elementary Summer Reading and Bridge Programs for English Learner students
 - Rising Kindergarten transition programs
 - Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) opportunities
 - Middle School credit recovery programs
 - High School credit recovery and assessment preparation, including Algebra 1 EOC and graduation-related assessments
- Shared key program details such as dates, times, grade levels served, transportation availability, meals provided, and eligibility criteria
- Highlighted family engagement and educational workshops planned for the summer and upcoming school year
- Collected family feedback related to:
 - Academic support needs
 - Communication preferences
 - Barriers to participation
 - Planning priorities for the **2026–2027 school year**
- Families were encouraged to complete the **ESOL Family Feedback Survey** and remain connected through district resources

3. Guest Speaker Presentation

Guest Speaker: Diana Brito, Hispanic Outreach Center (HOC)

- Shared an overview of services offered by the Hispanic Outreach Center
- Provided information about the Jewelry Workshop available to families
- Discussed family support resources and community programs
- Encouraged families to utilize services offered by the organization

4. Open Agenda

Participants: Multilingual English Learner (EL) families, school representatives, and Ericka Reckenwald, Coordinator, Multilingual Family Services

- Information was shared regarding academic programs, summer opportunities, and resources available to support student success.
- The discussion emphasized the importance of using simple, engaging games and activities at home to strengthen reading and mathematics skills, along with practical strategies to support students academically outside of school.
- Participants highlighted the need for clearer communication and greater understanding of students' academic progress to better support learning.
- Positive student progress compared to the previous school year was shared, with improvements attributed to consistent school support and increased family involvement in school-based activities.
- The open agenda provided an opportunity for meaningful dialogue and collaborative sharing among meeting participants.

5. Other Information Shared During the Meeting

- Parent guides to support families with children transitioning into kindergarten, middle school, and high school. These guides provide strategies, expectations, and tips to support students academically and socially during school transitions.
- Career exploration booklet was shared to help families support their children in learning about career pathways, interests, and future planning, including ways to begin career discussions at home and prepare students for long-term academic and career success.

6. Meeting Conclusion (9:50 a.m.)

- Families were thanked for their meaningful participation, thoughtful feedback, and leadership, which contributed to productive discussion and collaborative planning.
- Families were encouraged to remain actively involved in Parent Leadership Council activities and to continue serving as advocates by inviting and supporting additional English Learner families to participate and become engaged members of the Parent Leadership Council.
- The next EL Parent Leadership Council meeting for the 2026–2027 school year will be announced once International Café meeting dates are finalized in August 2026.

For Questions or Additional Information

For any questions related to this meeting, please contact:

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