Will Rogers Learning Community

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English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
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Thursday, March 25, 2026, 8:30am
Location: room 508

Minutes

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

- Assist in the development of school-wide need assessment.
- Assist with efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance.
- Advise on the school's program for English Learners
- 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)
- Receive training to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities.
- Elect representative(s) for the District English Learner Advisory Committee
- Other site-specific priorities/programs
- Topics requested by the parents of English Learners (e.g. gathered through a needs assessment)

1) **INTRODUCTIONS:** The meeting started at 8:30 a.m. in the school library. Members signed in and shared refreshments. All parents of ELs were sent an email invite, phone invite, and the meeting agenda and notice was blasted to whole community in our SMORE ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER and posted on the website. Participants engaged in community connection

2) **MEETING MINUTES:** Feb. 2026 minutes were shared, reviewed or approved. Prior meeting minutes are posted on the website.

3) **ELAC Mandated Topic(s):** The primary purpose of the meeting was to finalize the ELAC Board elections for the 2026–2027 school year. An election had been attempted earlier in the year; however, a quorum was not present, so voting could not take place at that time. With a quorum established at the March 25 meeting, members held elections and selected the following officers:

   - **President:** Elizabeth Martinez
   - **Vice President:** Barkot Beleto
   - **Secretary:** Maria Velazquez
   - **DELAC Representative:** Griselda Morales

The newly elected officers were congratulated and thanked for their willingness to serve and support the English Learner community. The committee discussed the important role of ELAC in advising the school on programs and services for English Learners and encouraging family engagement throughout the school year.

ELAC Discussion /Recommendation Recommendations: Principal Daruty shared English Learner (EL) data with the group, including information from the California School Dashboard, reclassification rates, ELA and CAASPP progress data from 2025 and 2026, and ELPAC results. The committee also reviewed ELPAC scores for students who participated in the eight-week intervention classes hosted in partnership with a teacher from JAMS.

Parents and committee members had an opportunity to ask questions, discuss the data, and make recommendations. Parents commented on the significant growth demonstrated by English Learners over the past year and expressed appreciation for the progress reflected in the data. The group discussed the importance of continuing the instructional practices and supports that contributed to these positive outcomes.

Additional discussion focused on opportunities to further support English Learners and strengthen inclusion on campus. Parents suggested hosting a multicultural fair to celebrate the diverse backgrounds represented within the school community. The committee also discussed the possibility of providing counseling groups, as needed, for newcomer students who may benefit from additional support navigating peer interactions while developing English language skills.

Parents further recommended creating opportunities for English Learners across an entire grade level to meet regularly, rather than limiting support within individual classrooms. They felt this approach would help students build stronger peer relationships, increase their sense of belonging, and provide more consistent opportunities to practice English and receive support from fellow English Learners throughout the school day.

4) **DELAC Report:** (The following is a summary of the DELAC report) No report provided.

5) **Other presentation(s)-** none currently.

6) **Announcements:** (Summary)

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 a.m.