



Chula Vista Elementary School District

Discovery Charter School

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English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

AGENDA

September 10, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

Discovery Charter School – Library

1. Call to order

a. Welcome

- b. Introductions** - Mr. Neil MacGaffey (Executive Director), Mrs. Erika Alamo (Principal),
Mrs. Rosie Ulloa (EL IA – English Learners Instructional Aide)

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Executive Director's Report - Mr. MacGaffey welcomed families and thanked them for being present; of all the meetings families get invited to, this one should be attended by EL parents; we're off to a great start; Discovery students have many great opportunities such as after school clubs and sports and well as great instruction from amazing teachers. Mr. MacGaffey introduced our Dean of Students, Ms. Sarah Hughes and Counselor, Ms. Jamala Simms. Ms. Simms shared her role as a counselor and the various ways she supports students.

4. New Business

a. Discovery Charter School's ELAC - as a Charter, we're part of CVESD but we are also our own LEA (Local Educational Agency)/District; we control our funding; we decide what curriculum to use; we have more autonomy to make decisions based on our needs; we have our own ELAC and are looking forward to working with families and having their input

b. Nominations/Election

Chairperson: Ana Terrazas

Vice-Chairperson: Crystal Dinich

Secretary: Kamonchanok Durbin

c. Review and comment on written notifications of English Learners - Mrs. Ulloa went over the notification, explaining the different sections and what the scores meant; when parents register their student for the first time, they check-off if another language is spoken at home – that classifies students and English Language Learners; means students are eligible to receive extra supports to assist with their acquisition of English

5. Public/Oral Communications

a. School Safety Plan - Mrs. Alamo explained what the Comprehensive School Safety Plan is, who is on the committee, and what are the sections that are specific to Discovery and the data that must be entered. Discovery has appropriate programs and strategies (supervision before/after school, at lunch and recess, PBIS, sports teams, student council, opportunities for students to be recognized, etc.) to ensure a safe and welcoming environment. Discovery has two goals as part of the CSSP. Parents were given the opportunity to provide input on the goals and were encouraged to contact admin if they have input at any time throughout the school year.

b. Parent Questions –

How often to students test? *Initial only once, either when they first enter a California school or in Kinder; Summative ELPAC is once a year until they reclassify.*

Will students be tested in Spanish? *There is no State standardized assessment Discovery administers; we use Achieve and EDL/DRA in DI classes to test Spanish.*

What additional options do students have to learn Spanish? *Besides the Dual Immersion program, we do not offer any other opportunities at the moment.*

Does Discovery have a gender-neutral restroom? *Yes, in the health office.*

Are cameras facing the inside or outside of the school? *Both. We have cameras that face the front of the school and most of our cameras face the inside of campus.*

What is the extra help EL students receive in class? *Depending on the individual student's needs, they can receive English Language Development support from Ms. Ulloa or in small group from their teacher. Teachers provide EL students support through designated and/or integrated ELD support. Not all students require the same level of support, so teachers examine student data and students' individual needs to determine the level of support to provide.*

Can we have extra support or a club? *It depends on teachers' availability to provide clubs. Some grade levels do offer tutoring to students who are in most need, again dependent on teachers' availability.*

6. Adjournment – 10:00 am