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DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)

MINUTES

October 7, 2026
5:30 PM
Location: ANNEX D, District Office
20 W. Lugonia Avenue, Redlands CA

I. Welcome

- Sonya Balingit, Director and Ms. Huerta welcomed everyone.

II. Call meeting to order

- @ 5:34 Maria Huerta, DELAC Vice President (Parent, REV) called the meeting to order.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- Copies of the minutes were provided in both English and Spanish. Members were reminded that minutes are always available to view on the district website. After reviewing the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Norma DeLeon. A second motion was made by Maria Huerta. No comments. The motion passed.

IV. School Reports

- Mrs. Balingit displayed and shared paper copies of the school reports with the committee in English/Spanish.

V. District Update & Information:

- SBCSS Multilingual Seal of Biliteracy Awards Ceremony Mrs. Balingit shared information regarding the upcoming Seal of Biliteracy celebration hosted by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. This year it will held at the Ontario Convention Center and over 200 students pre-qualified but not all students are able to attend the ceremony.
- AB 2555 Reclassification- Mrs. Balingit explained the new law as of September 27, 2026. There is now only one single criteria for each assessment, Summative ELPAC 4 or Alternate ELPAC 3.

Questions from DELAC members:

- **What do you mean by reclassification?** Mrs. Balingit gave a full description of how a student qualified to move from EL to RFEP.
- **Is it for all grades? Answer**: Yes. Grades Kindergarten through Twelve.
- **Are the scores based on the 2025-2026 ELPAC scores? Answer**: Yes.
- **Will students still be monitored? Answer**: Yes. The four-year monitoring still applies.

VI. DELAC Bylaws review: Sonya Balingit reviewed the Bylaws with the committee and copies were shared in English/Spanish. Mrs. Balingit encouraged DELAC members to review for changes. Some discussion took place. Mr. Rice, teacher, suggested that it might be time to add language to Article IV. Officers. For example, instead of Chairperson, state President, or both. Language that used more often. A full review will be voted on at the next DELAC meeting with members having more thana month for input.

VII. Annual Acceptance of Nominations for Membership and Officers

1. Membership of DELAC committee: A motion was made to approve the DELAC committee as presented. 1st Norma DeLeon (parent, Kimberly) 2nd Jesus Avalos (parent, RHS), all in favor. Motion passed.

Mrs. Balingit shared the roles and responsibilities of the DELAC officers and asked for nominations:

- Tatiana Diaz (parent, Highland Grove) nominated **Maria Huerta** (parent, REV) to the position of **Chairperson of DELAC**
- Susan Pierce (teacher/EL Rep Bryn Mawr) nominated Tatiana Diaz (parent, Highland Grove) to the position of **Vice Chairperson of DELAC**
- Norma DeLeon (parent, Kimberly) nominated Jon Malit (Parent, Mission) to the position of **Recording Secretary**.
- Brian Rice (teacher, RHS) nominated **Jose Avalos** (parent, RHS) to the position of **DELAC Spokesperson.**

A motion to approve the officers as presented was made by Brian Rice, and second motion by Susan Pierce. All in favor. Motion passed. Paused to take a DELAC officer's photo.

VIII. DELAC Needs Assessment Review

a. Sonya Balingit shared a copy of the DELAC Needs Assessment in both English and Spanish that was conducted in September. She discussed several of the needs in detail with the membership. There was one question regarding who conducts Professional Development for teachers (J. Avalos). It was explained that PD can be held by the district staff, County staff, outside consultants, school staff such as teachers (EL Reps) and principals, etc. Needs can be addressed at any time of the school year to the Special Projects office.

IX. Family Events- Information regarding the following events were shared:

a. RUSD Community Resource Fair
b. Noche Cultural- RHS M.E.ch.A
c. Día de los Muertos- AK Smiley Library
d. Redlands Turkey Trot

X. Discussion Items from previous meeting- none

XI. Good of the Order/ Discussion items for next meeting/Discussion Items from previous meeting

a. LCAP Meeting Dates & Discussion- LCAP funding examples were shared on how they support Multilingual students. A rewrite/update for the next three-year LCAP cycle was described.

XII. Next meeting dates: 11/19/26 / DELAC training

XIII. Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned @ 6:31pm by Maria Huerta new President of DELAC.