

Conejo Valley Unified School District
 Student Support Services
 English Learner Services

DISTRICT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 28, 2020, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

University MPR

<p><u>DELAC Representatives</u> Eulalia Soriano, Acacia & Redwood Ana Rodriguez, Aspen Maria Vega, Banyan Carina Pivaral, Conejo Elementary Sonia Avalos, Conejo & WHS Liliana Diaz, EARTH Xiaoye (Bella) Zhou, Ladera Evelyn Delgado, Ladera Seyda Cumhur, Lang Ranch Azaybath Longano, Madroña Karla Luna, Sycamore & NPHS Alma G Molina Valenciana, Weathersfield Katrin Bergauer, Westlake Tania Rubin, Westlake Hills Alternate Mailyn Yua Colon, Wildwood Ivania E. Comayagua, Colina Maria E. Ramirez, Colina & TOHS Rocio Perez Turijan, Los Cerritos</p>	<p><u>Staff</u> Dr. Deborah Martinez, Coordinator of EL Services Susie Stanziano, Staff Interpreter Isabel Alamillo, EL Secretary Lisa Miller, Assistant Superintendent Student Services Bill Gorback, Board of Education Mark Mclaughlin, Superintendent Carmen Escalente, Outreach Assistant</p> <p><u>DELAC Representatives NOT Present</u> Vivean Lucio, Banyan Hailey Rhode, Cypress Ana Garcia, Maple & Sequoia Maria (lulu) Sanchez, Walnut Angelica Tan, Glenwood Jaime Isunza, Westlake Hills Eduardo Canas, CVHS</p> <p><u>Alternate DELAC Rep. Not Present</u> Maribel Bruno, Maple Sara Zamora, Walnut Oscar Jimenez, Weathersfield</p>
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I. Opening

- A. Dr. Martinez, EL Coordinator , called the meeting to order at 9:35am
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approval of Agenda

II. Reports

- A. District Advisory Committee (DAC) report – Karla Luna, DELAC President
 DAC met on 1/14/2020. DAC representatives gave their reports. DAC bylaws discussed and reviewed. Presentation about Co-Teaching by Dr. Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.
- B. Community Outreach Committee (COC) Report – Ann- Marie Matter, Chairperson

Community Outreach meeting was held on January 22nd. Bumblebee Foundation attended and spoke about the services of their organization. This foundation is a nonprofit which supports families who have a child battling or recovering from cancer. The Bumblebee Foundation serves children and families throughout the state of California. Families are connected through hospital social workers and the foundation then gets to work to access any help the family may need. This can range from paying for parking while visiting the hospital, gas cards to fill up their cars, and money to buy groceries to toys for the children, opportunities to spend time with other families facing the same challenges, and many other emotional supports to help make a very difficult time a little easier.

The second speaker from Food Share, located in Oxnard and serves residents throughout Ventura County who are in need of food. The warehouse in Oxnard receives food from local businesses and from donations. Staff, as well as volunteers, work to get the food out to the many different pantries throughout the county. Pantries are open in different locations in Conejo Valley depending on the day of the week. Over the course of a year, more than a million pounds of food is served in our county to people of all ages. Food Share has been around over 70 years and continues to grow every year. We were happy to connect our counselors and facilitators with this wonderful organization to help address the issue of food insecurity and make sure the families in our community have the necessary nutrition to live and thrive.

C. School Reports (By-laws Article VII, Standing Rules Article II)

1. Acacia – ELAC meeting on 1/27/2020 included the following items:
 - a. ELPAC and how to access the practice test
 - b. Parent Engagement Policy
 - c. A guest speaker on Vaping (effect of drugs and e-cigarettes in teens)Upcoming Multicultural Day will be in February. Next ELAC meeting 3/4/2020.
2. Redwood – ELAC meeting on 1/2/2020 included the following items:
 - a. Improvements students had.
 - b. New dance group will be started.
 - c. Belen Quezada from the Free Westminster Clinic gave information about the services
3. Ladera – Next ELAC meeting on 1/31/2020. Items that will be discussed will be the following:
 - a. The reclassification process
 - b. Importance of school attendance and its effects on student academic performance. School librarian gave free books to students.
 - c. Using Math Reflex online to help with math facts.
4. Colina – No report
5. TOHS – ELAC meeting in January discussed the following:
 - a. Guest speaker presented information regarding Vaping.
 - b. Channel Islands presented.
 - c. Attendance.
6. EARTHSS – No report. Next ELAC meeting on 2/15/20
7. NPSS – SSC today 1/28/2020 and ELAC meeting tomorrow 1/29/2020. Trying to increase parent participation.
8. Sycamore – ELAC meeting last Friday.
9. Glenwood – No report
10. Madrona – ELAC meeting on 1/13/2020 discussed the following items:
 - a. Introduction of New facilitator, Magda Simonini.
 - b. Budget. Informed that Madroña is a Title 1 school.
 - c. Reclassification.

11. Aspen – Next ELAC meeting on 2/12/2020.
 Redwood counselors explained the course request for next year.
 Saber es Poder conference flyer distributed to families.
 Invitation for Project 2 Inspire for a Wednesday night cohort distributed.
12. Los Cerritos – SSC meeting on 1/8/2020 and ELAC meeting on 1/23/2020- Math Presentation. Next ELAC meeting on 4/25/2020
13. Weathersfield – SSC meeting on 1/22/2020 the following items were discussed:
 - a. SPSA monitoring and accountability tool.
 - b. Safety Plan was discussed
 - c. Review of our Magnet School Plan.
 UDL walk will take place so teachers can observe the different learning methods currently applied.
 Kindness Week 1/27/2020-1/31/2020.
 Students are writing cards and sending letters to veterans without family to the hospital.
 Next month Pennies for Patients organized by our K-kids.
 Talent Show on 1/31/2020.
 Next ELAC meeting on 2/3/2020.
14. WLE- Kindness awareness month. Collecting money for charities.
15. WLH – SSC on 1/21/2020. SPSA is almost ready for signatures. ELAC meeting discussed the following:
 - a. Reclassification requirements.
 - b. Rosetta Stone
 - c. SPSA updates related to EL Learners.
 Next ELAC meeting on 3/15/2020
16. Wildwood-
17. Maple-
18. Sequoia-
19. Conejo – 85 parents present at the ELAC meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - a. The importance of attendance. Suggested to use vacation times to take time off to visit relatives.
 - b. 85% of attendance to the tutoring and English classes and participants given a certificate.
 SSC was held on 1/21/2020.
20. WHS- Topics discussed at our ELAC meeting were the following:
 - a. Discussed ELPAC testing window. Parents to ensure a conversation with the students that this is an important test to take it seriously.
 - b. Parents are interested in literacy since they are illiterate and getting more technology knowledge.
21. Lang Ranch-

Public Comments

1. There were no public comments

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. School Reports Guidelines by Katrin Bergauer, DELAC Secretary

Mrs. Bergauer led the committee members on a discussion activity where members worked in small groups to discuss potential questions to ask their respective Principals in an effort to elicit a more focused information about English Learner improvement efforts. Some guiding questions are as follows:

- How does the school help with the reclassification process targeting the kids that are close but have not?
- Is there a guide to help parents understand the acronyms that are used?

- How will the student reclassify? How can I best assist?

B. Presentation: Designated and Integrated ELD and English Language Proficiency for California (ELPAC) by Dr. Martinez, Coordinator of English Learner Services.

Dr. Martinez provided information about the ELPAC assessment and demonstrated the resources on www.elpac.org. DELAC members feedback included the following questions:

- Q: Is the information provided in Spanish? How can parents access the website if they cannot read the directions in English?
- Q: Can the school offer training for parents about ELPAC?
- Q: How can we parents assist if they do not have technology at home?

Dr. Martinez offered to create a “cheat sheet” with the directions to find the student interface in The ELPAC Website in both English and Spanish.

Dr. Miller offered to follow up with Principals regarding their request (above). She also mentioned that the Thousand Oaks library helps provide access to our parents.

C. Presentation: Special Education Overview

Dr. Miller provided an overview of Special Education. Some of the items of her presentation included:

- **Legal History**
 - Brown v. Board of Education
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Board of Education v. Rowley
 - Endrew v. Douglas County School District
- **Eligibility**
 - 13 categories that school districts test for and consider.
- **An Individual Education Plan (IEP)**
 - This defines what we will work on. This is a legal document that we agree to do something.
 - IEP defines: goals, services, and supports
- **Goals**
 - Skill growth. It is not about grades, but skills.
- **Services**
 - CVUSD has:
 - 90 Special Education teachers
 - 19 School Psychologist
 - 19
 - 5 Occupational Therapist
 - 4.5 Adaptive PE teachers
 - 1 Vision teacher
 - General education is for everyone and special education is on top of (additional)

The following questions and answers (Q&A) from committee members are as follows:

- Q: Do parents know the student will be tested? A: Yes! We cannot test without your permission.
- Q: Who makes the recommendation teacher or parent? A: Both can do this.
- Q: Is it possible to include prevention since they may not be showing major signs yet? A: Special Education is more about there is something going on and we will address it and not about prevention.

IV. Action Items - General

None

V. Action Items – Consent

A. Motioned and seconded to approve December minutes by Alma Molina and Karla Luna. Motion carries.

B. Motion for agenda change Ana Garcia and Carina Pivaral. Motion carries.

VI. Adjournment

A. Tentative Agenda Items for Next Meeting

TBD by the Executive DELAC Board

B. Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.