

Minutes of the District English Language Advisory Council (DELAC)

Meeting Minutes May 23, 2016

Attendance:

Jim Schofield, Director - English Language Development
Grace Love, Director - Accountability & Assessment
Maryhelen Soto - Executive Secretary, Preschool/Elementary Education
Hui Chiang Chen, Chairman - Garfield Elementary
Rocio Hernandez - Monterey Highlands Elementary (School Coordinator)
Evangeline S. Pagcaliwangan- Fremont Elementary
Yumain Huang- Mark Keppel High School
Jane Fong- Emery Park Elementary, Alternate
Simon Lau- Northrup Elementary
Dioseling Gallardo- Northrup Elementary
Edmund Luu- Ynez Elementary
Maria Alfaro- Repetto Elementary
Lien Luu- Mark Keppel High School (School Coordinator)
Zhang Xido Yiu- Mark Keppel High School
Mei Liam He- San Gabriel High School
Binh Tran- San Gabriel High School(School Coordinator)
Ping Ma- Alhambra High School
Josephine Chen - Alhambra High School (School Coordinator)

DELAC Meeting

Chairman Hui Chiang Chen brought the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M., and lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Schofield introduced Grace Love, Director - Accountability & Assessment to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2016

Chairman Chen asked the Committee to review the DELAC Minutes of April 25, 2016. Rocio Hernandez moved to approve the Minutes as submitted. Chairman Hui Chiang Chen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1. LCAP Update

Mr. Jim Schofield reminded that all input is reviewed to develop ideas for the EL programs. During a recent LCAP Parent Advisory Committee meeting a LCAP Draft handout was issued

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for 2016-2017. Mr. Schofield advised the members of DELAC that on the LCAP Draft G2 A10 were a reflection of DELAC items. The items highlighted recent teachers to the program, GLAD training, EL shadowing, 2 site Instructional Specialist, the arrangement of subs for teachers to attend training and also the Director of English Language Development. Counselors at the High Schools will be under the Title III plan to assist the students.

Mr. Schofield stated that the EL Committee will work on a progress monitoring tool. The EL teacher committee is made up of 1 representative from every elementary school and 2 representatives from each high schools.

The ELD department is adding a 2017 K-3 English Learners Academy. This will be during summer. Subjects to that will be worked with are Science Education and Arts.

The ELD department is also adding an After School New Comers Program. The program will assist new students to the country. Students will attend this 30-hour program after school to target English learning.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hui Chiang Chen asked for a motion to be made to accept the Agenda as submitted. Rocio Hernandez moved to approve the agenda. Chairman Hui Chiang Chen seconded the motion.

New Business:

1. Reclassification Criteria

Mr. Schofield stated that it is a 4 part process for a student to be reclassified. The first step: State of California test scores of students on the CELDT test must be 3 or higher. The second step: The student must score proficient in their grade level as matched by their peers. The third step: Teacher input. The teacher must agree that the student has acquired the appropriate amount of language to be reclassified. The fourth Step: A parent consultation. The parent must be notified of the student being reclassified.

It will remain as District policy that if English Learners do not score at grade level or above on the SBAC, the student will not be reclassified. Parents had no issue with the reclassification process. Three parents stated that they felt we should maintain the expectation students score grade level (3) or higher on SBAC. A motion to approve the Reclassified Criteria was made by Simon Lau, parent from Northrup School, and seconded by Jim Schofield, Director - English Language Development. The Council unanimously approved the criteria.

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2. 16-17 Parent Academy

2016-2017 English Language Development classes will be offered to parents of the district. The district purchased a location near to Alhambra High School. Josephine Chen asked if the Parent Academy classes would be open to all parents outside of Alhambra Unified School District, Mr. Schofield confirmed that it would be offered to all parents first and then opened to community members. Ynez will also be used as a site.

The Parent Academy classes that will be run for parents of ELD students. DELAC parents gave their input on several topics including: learning about college, using online resources, and getting to know the school system.

3. Title III Plan and Con App

Grace Love, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented information on the Con App. The committee was reminded of previous discussions about Con App, the Consolidated Application, and the Winter Collection reporting back in February. Again, Con App is used by the Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds to school districts in California. Every June, districts submit an on-line application to document participation in these categorical programs, report program data, and provide assurances that the district will comply with the legal requirements of these categorical programs.

The window for this spring's data collection /Application is between May 15th, and June 30. A copy of the "2016-17 Spring Consolidated Application and Data Collections" was distributed and discussed with the committee. Parents had no questions about the purpose or the process of this annual application for federal grants. A motion to approve the Consolidated Application was made by Hui Chiang Chen, parent from Garfield School, and seconded by Rocio Hernandez representing Monterey Highlands School. The Council unanimously approved the application.

4. Open Forum

Maria Alfaro stated that her grandson learned English by reading 2 books a day. She believes that is how her learned how to learn English. Her grandson also started to write down what he had read and this also re-enforced his learning of English. Maria believes the key to learning English is through reading and writing. Jim thought it was a great idea to add a reading program. Simon Lau stated that at Northrup students have a reading buddy.

Rocio stated that students learned to sing De Colores for a Cinco de Mayo event. She was impressed that the first graders learned the song so quickly with little time to learn the song.

Lien Luu- Mark Keppel High School (School Coordinator) stated that students went to Brightwood to translate stories written in Spanish.

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Amy Rush found a resources of books and materials for students and parents to use for English learning. The department will find a way to get these materials to all the schools.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Hui Chiang Chen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 26th, 2016 at 6pm.