

The Charter School of
SAN DIEGO

English Learners Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 9, 2021

1.0 Opening/Role call

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held virtually on Microsoft TEAMS (due to Covid restrictions).

Parents/Staff present:

Alejandra Guerra, SpEd Teacher; Alex Carillo, (Learning Lead); Amanda Mendoza, SpEd Teacher; Amy Butler, Special Assignment Teacher; Jacqueline Martinez, SpEd Teacher; Vanessa Vallon, Learning Lead; David Saldana, Teacher; Ana Maria Rojas, Learning Lead; Jay Garrity, Administrator of Instructional Services; Rachel Thomas, Equity and Inclusion Officer; Noemi Delgadillo, SpEd Teacher; Veronica Radtke, School Coordinator; Alicia Ortega (ELL Parent); Asha Maharaj (ELL Parent); Benjamin Cruz (ELL Parent); Brian Aguilera (ELL parent); Elizabeth Tamayo (ELL parent); Nicolas Ortega (ELL parent); Adel (ELL Parent)

2.0 New Business

Meeting facilitator (Ms. Ana Maria Rojas) reviewed how to access translated meeting subtitles. Ms. Rachel Thomas (meeting facilitator) reviewed the meeting agenda and purpose. Ms. Thomas specified that ELAC meeting is required for every California public school with 21 or more English learners and is a time when parents/community members can advocate for English Learners.

Mr. Garrity reviewed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) highlights and goals: Increase student achievement (Instruction); Provide a broad course of study to students (Curriculum); Establish a data informed professional learning system to increase teacher effectiveness (Professional Development); Provide a safe and supportive school culture (School Climate); Provide an innovative and engaging learning environment for students and parents (Engagement). Mr. Garrity identified the targeted actions for English Learners in curriculum, instruction and professional development: Ellevation program, Achieve3000, National Geographic Cengage curriculum, monthly monitoring in Storybook, Edgenuity MyPath individual learning plans, and the ELAD and WRITE institutes for staff development.

Meeting facilitators, Rachel Thomas and Ana Maria Rojas initiated nominations and voting for ELAC positions, including President, Vice President, and Secretary. Nominations were called for each position and subsequently all meeting participants casted their votes via Teams poll. Ana Maria Rojas was the only nominee for president and was unanimously voted for president. Rachel Thomas was the only nominee for vice president and was unanimously voted for vice president. Parent, Elizabeth Tamayo, was the only nominee for secretary and was unanimously voted as secretary. After voting was finalized, Ms. Elizabeth Tamayo introduced herself.

ELAC President, Ana Maria Rojas, shared a preview of the ELlevation data collection website. She provided an overview of some of the ELL demographic information, regarding number of students served throughout The Charter School of San Diego. Ms. Rojas discussed the use of the new site for ease in reclassification of English Learners and mentioned teachers were working on reclassification of students. Ms. Rojas reviewed reclassification criteria: Overall ELPAC score of 4, MAPs assessment in Reading at grade level, parent consultation, and teacher observations/recommendations. Ms. Ana Maria Rojas also elaborated on the development and integration of new Designated ELD curriculum and textbook, EDGE from National Geographic Cengage. Ms. Rojas shares the ELAD team is currently working on writing curriculum to present and finalize next semester.

3.0 Upcoming Events/Announcements

Ms. Ana Maria Rojas shared upcoming Family Series learning session provided by the school counselors on the topic of financial aid for college. She noted it is taking place on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Instructions on registering via the link on the flyer were reviewed. ELAC member, David Saldana, provided the flyer for all participants via the chat.

4.0 Public Comments

Facilitator provided an opportunity for public comment. No members had input during public comment period. Elizabeth Tamayo asked if she is required to attend financial aid family series. Ms. Rojas shared it's not required but encouraged parents to attend. No other public comments were presented.

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

ELAC Representative, Noemi Delgadillo

ELAC President, Ana Maria Rojas