

Park School

English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Staff in Attendance:

Myriame Steep, Instructional Specialist, Lynn Siu, Chinese Home School Coordinator, and Yolanda Rodriguez, Special Projects Assistant/ELAC Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 8:28a.m.

Due to time constraints, minutes from last meeting on March 21, 2017 were not available for approval but will be approved along with minutes from today at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Parent English classes offered by East Los Angeles Community College begin tomorrow Wednesday, September 6 on the Park campus on and will be from 8:30-10:35am, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Mrs. Steep will offer PEP classes once a week and will offer one Math class and one Listening class, but she is not sure at this time when she will do that because does not want it to conflict with the ESL parent classes.

A computer program was purchased this school year for English learners in grades 3-5 called Imagine Learning. The program is in English but the directions are in the student's home language. Parents can go to the website and will be given directions in their home language. The student will be able to use the program at home. English learner students third grade and under will not use Imagine Learning in class but if any of the parents would like their child to access it at home, Mrs. Steep can make arrangements for that to happen. Grades 6-8 will still work with English 3D.

6. LPAC is the new assessment to see where your child is in learning the English language. If your child never took CELDT they will take the ELPAC within thirty days but this year is a pilot program so the result will not count. The test will be a little more challenging than CELDT. We want the students to learn more academic English. We're asking for more classroom language: Math language and Science language. Mrs. Steep informed the parents she will give the parents more resources through our ELAC meetings and PEP classes in order for them to help their children. February 1st to May 31st is our window for the ELPAC.

Mrs. Steep displayed a Smarter Balance results sample from the state that is sent home. Level 1 did not meet standards. This child will need extra help either be pulled out during school or can stay in the afterschool program. Level 2 is standard nearly met we can give them extra help but we prefer the teacher to directly give additional support during school. One of the parents commented that her son does well with classroom and homework but the test result are low. Some of the reasons that may happen are due test anxiety, fatigue and/or they know what they're doing but the question is confusing to them. Level 3 and Level 4 they are at grade level. Park needs to be making more improvement in Math.

The School Site Council budget is decided by a team of parents and teachers that come together and decide how the money is spent that we receive from the government. The budget is decided for salaries, professional development, technology, and instructional materials, and parent involvement. A parent asked if broken headphones are being replaced and Mrs. Steep answered her that yes they have been replaced and a large order was placed for headphones. We purchased a Math program for all grades called Dreambox. It's fun and interactive and students will be able to use at home. For English Language Arts we are ordering a large amount of books for the classroom libraries. We let the parents know that we are purchasing an entirely new computer lab and we are purchasing additional iPads for Kinder through third.

The first DELAC meeting is coming up on Monday, September 11 from 5:30-7:30pm. The parent representatives Hilda Felipe and Noemi Castillo were elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Yolanda Rodriguez