

ELAC & DELAC Parent MINUTES

Notas reunion para Padres de ELAC y DELAC

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 • Martes, 22 de septiembre de 2026

John Swett Unified School District • Multilingual Learners Program

1. Welcome & Introductions / Bienvenida y presentaciones

Intro from parents - [sign in sheet](#) The meeting opened with a welcome to returning and new DELAC members and families. Parents and guardians introduced themselves and shared the schools their children attend. Members completed the meeting sign-in sheet to document attendance and representation from the district's school sites.

Families were welcomed and encouraged to participate throughout the school year. The importance of creating a space where families can ask questions, share experiences, and provide recommendations on behalf of Multilingual Learners was emphasized.

2. Why Family Voice Matters / Por qué importa la voz de las familias

Families shared that they are excited about the 2026–2027 school year and are looking forward to participating in ELAC and DELAC meetings.

During the discussion, parents expressed a strong interest in having the principals from Rodeo Hills Elementary School (RHES), CMS, and John Swett High School (JSHS) attend their respective ELAC meetings in person. Families expressed that having school leaders present would provide an opportunity for direct communication, allow parents to ask questions, and strengthen the connection between families and school leadership.

The discussion reinforced the importance of ELAC and DELAC as spaces for families to have a meaningful voice in programs and services for Multilingual Learners.

3. ELAC & DELAC Roles / Funciones de ELAC y DELAC

The group reviewed the role of ELAC and DELAC and discussed current parent leadership representation for the 2026–2027 school year.

ELAC Parent Leadership

ELAC President: Lucia Nardone

Lucia has children attending RHES, CMS, and JSHS, providing representation across all three school levels.

ELAC Vice President: Marleny Lopez

Marleny has children attending JSHS.

ELAC Secretary: Esther Camargo

Esther has children attending RHES.

ELAC Leadership Positions Still Needed

Families were encouraged to consider serving in these roles and to continue building parent leadership at each school site.

2026–2027 ELAC Meeting Dates

September 14, 2026

October 19, 2026

January 11, 2027

March 15, 2027

The group reviewed the purpose of ELAC as a school-level advisory committee and the connection between ELAC, DELAC, and school leadership. CDE identifies ELAC responsibilities including advising the principal and staff, participating in the schoolwide needs assessment, addressing attendance, and electing at least one member to represent the school on DELAC.

4. 2026–27 Priorities / Prioridades 2026–27

Marga Marshall goes over the topics and priorities to go over this school year on both ELAC and DELAC meetings

- ELPAC results and student progress / Resultados de ELPAC y progreso estudiantil
- Reclassification / Reclasificación
- Academic Language Development / Desarrollo del lenguaje académico
- Attendance, engagement & belonging / Asistencia, participación y sentido de pertenencia
- Family engagement & communication / Participación y comunicación familiar
- Biliteracy & Seal of Biliteracy / Bilingüismo y Sello de Bilingüismo

5. Family Input & Discussion / Opiniones y conversación familiar

Families would like the schools to celebrate the Reclassification Students in their Assemblies so the rest of the school see how important it is

DELAC president Carla shares a plan for community outreach and more attendance on meetings - on ParentSquare - to inform parents of the distinction of ELAC and DELAC, what it is? Why is it important to participate, send fliers translated. Ms. Cecilia wanted to thank Maestro Erick Galan for his ESL classes and how he is teaching them with bilingual strategies.

Parents would like to check out and review the ELAC/DELAC bylaws in the next DeELAC meetings

Parents were not aware of the requirements to obtain the Seal of Biliteracy and asked if it would be possible for the JSHS counselors to send information to parents, starting in 9th grade so all students can participate in getting the Seal. They also had questions about how many World languages does the High School offer and if there is not a class offered for that language, but the student speaks a different language or wants to learn a different language, how should the student proceed.

Parents agree all DELAC meetings should be hybrid for more participation

Another parent suggested that if possible, to have a Sandwich board at the RHES promoting ELAC meeting for parents to attend (Sandwich board visible for parents to see a few days previous to the actual meeting)

Parents would like to ask if the fliers that are sent on ParentSquare by the three squares could be translated in English/Spanish - Viviana offers to translate any flier that is sent her way

6. DELAC Representative Connection / Conexión con representantes de DELAC

DELAC ELECTION OF SECRETARY

DELAC 2026-2027 Officials

President: Carla Villalobos (2nd year term)

Vice president: Hamdy Oraby (2nd year term)

Secretary: Esther Camargo (appointed 9/22/26 - 1st year term)

DELAC MEETINGS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:

9/22/26 - 11/3/26 - 1/26/27 - 3/23/27 - 5/18/27

7. Questions, Recommendations & Next Steps / Preguntas, recomendaciones y próximos pasos

Quick Reflection / Reflexión rápida / Parents add to a poster paper their post-its with the answers to the quick reflection questions.

What is one thing you understand better?	What question do you still have?
¿Qué es algo que comprende mejor?	¿Qué pregunta todavía tiene?

