

RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC)
September 17, 2021 Meeting
9:00 A.M.
Virtual-Google Meet
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MINUTES

- I. Call the Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Isabel Cavero at 9:09 am.
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Isabel Cavero, DELAC Chairperson: Isabel Cavero introduced herself as the new Chairperson and shared that she is a Morris parent with two kids in the DLI program. Dr. Marina Madrid introduced a couple of special guests to the meeting. She introduced Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila. Dr. Avila shared that the district's number one priority and responsibility has been the health and safety of each and every student, employee and community member. It has been 5 weeks or so now and it brings him joy to see students enjoying their in class experience. He asked himself the question: What will be said about Rialto in 100-200 years? He hopes that with the crisis of the pandemic and social justice issues that we have navigated through, Rialto will step up and not accept the status quo and bring upon drastic change for the benefit of our students. He assured the parents that RUSD would not accept the status quo and would do everything possible to ensure that the English Learners in this district have productive days everyday of their school experience. Dr. Darren McDuffie, welcomed the parents and mentioned how much he missed having students on campus and will continue to strive to keep the students safe. He mentioned that this crisis of the pandemic is an opportunity to do something different and is excited about these opportunities.
- III. Roll call of Members: Boyd, Casey, Fitzgerald, Garcia, Henry, Hughbanks, Morris, Myers, Preston, Simpson, Trapp, Werner, Frisbie Middle, Rialto Middle, Rialto High, and Eisenhower High are represented at the meeting.
- IV. Deletion of Agenda Items: Dr. Madrid suggested moving item D (Reclassification Criteria) to A because it is relevant at this time and very important. No other suggestions and this suggestion was approved.
- V. Reading and Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2021 and August 20, 2021: Dr. Madrid showed the parents where to find the minutes on the district website and how to translate the page to help make navigation easier. Myra Vera-Rizo mentioned that her name does not appear hyphenated on the April 16, 2021 minutes on item D and 11. Myra Vera-Rizo motioned to approve and Eva Ochoa seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Maria T. Lopez motioned to approve the August 20, 2021 minutes and Raquel Mora seconded the motion.

VI. Information Items

- a. Reclassification Criteria (formerly item d.): Dr. Madrid went over the Reclassification Criteria and posted the links in the chat for both Elementary and Secondary. She explained that the research shows that it takes a child 5 to 7 years to acquire a second language. The goal is always to reclassify students before they leave Elementary school if they have been enrolled in our schools since Pre-K or kindergarten. She encouraged the parents to continue to speak to their students in Spanish because this will create more connections in the brain for students. Dr. Madrid walked the parents through the 4 requirements (ELPAC overall level 4, CAASPP minimum score or alternate assessment, grades, and parent approval). Because of the pandemic students did not take the CAASPP so an alternate exam was used in its place (iReady) so students would still have an opportunity to reclassify. Dr. Madrid then opened up the discussion on the point of keeping the Math grade as a requirement for reclassification. The FPM reviewer assigned to Rialto Unified shared that this was the first time she saw this as one of the requirements and suggested that we were perhaps limiting the number of reclassifications by filtering students out because of a math grade. Dr. Madrid invited parents to open their mic and give their thoughts. Mr. Gutierrez cleared up some misunderstandings and invited the DELAC reps to take this discussion back to their site ELAC meetings and discuss. Dr. Avila asked for the representatives to address both sides of the discussion at their ELAC meetings in depth and not just take a vote.
- b. DELAC Bylaws (formerly item a.) Because of time, Dr. Madrid shared that she point C and D would require much more than the allotted time so she recommended pushing those items until the next meeting. Mr. Gutierrez shares that in the previous meeting we covered ELPAC in the August meeting and another workshop on ELPAC is scheduled for October so it is best to cover the Bylaws. The Bylaws dictate and guide the committee anytime there is a question or a doubt. Dr. Madrid reviewed the 8 purposes of DELAC and highlighted some of the articles that deal with membership. She explained that Article 3 of the Bylaws, stated that in order to be a member of DELAC, a parent must have a child who is an English Learner. She clarified that if a parent held an officer position and the student reclassified, the parent could stay in office until the term was completed. The terms are for two years. She clarified that all community members are welcome to attend meetings, but only members of DELAC can vote. Dr. Madrid said that every year, the committee would review the Bylaws. A parent shared that she had served as Chairperson already for her site. There were no candidates for this year and they nominated her again to serve. Dr. Madrid explained that although it is not ideal, she was voted in by the members of her site. This is something that can be reviewed at the site when it is time to review the site ELAC bylaws.
- c. ELPAC – It was decided that ELPAC would be pushed back for next meeting.

- d. Equity Action Team Parent Engagement Plan: Dr. Madrid shared that last year after the EL Equity Team had met, subcommittees were formed to draft up actions that would be put into place at each site. Each site also drafted up a site specific EL Plan. Mr. Gutierrez clarified to the parents that the EL site Plan and the EL Equity Action plan were two different things. The EL Equity Plan includes both short term and long term goals. He asked the parents who are members of the EL Equity Action team to serve as “thermometers” at the sites and report back on how the implementation is going at the sites. The plan included many actions and not all of them would be put into action immediately. Some of the actions included personnel decisions and affected the budget so they would come in time.

VII. Action Items
None

VIII. Reports

- a. DELAC Representatives report to the District English Learner Advisory Committee on their English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC): Mrs. Cavero shared that at their last ELAC meeting at Morris they covered the importance of filling out the home language survey correctly and the activities they have planned for Hispanic Heritage month. They also explained how parents would be contacted if there was an exposure to COVID in a classroom. Rialto High’s representative shared that they spoke about AP support at the site at their last ELAC meeting. They also covered the communications message that went out regarding a weapon that was found on campus. They discussed the importance of communication with their students during these difficult times. The Garcia representative shared that Ramona Rodriguez asked for participation in the committees and classes the district is offering. She provided the links for the Love and Logic training as well as an invitation to Alianza Latina.

IX. Public Comment (3 minutes per person, one person at a time, related to English Learner Programs at your school): Parents expressed difficulty logging on to the meeting today.

X. Announcements

- a. Federal Program Monitoring DELAC Interview: Monday September 20, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Dr. Madrid asked for volunteers to participate in these interviews with the auditor. Dr. Madrid will send out the link to the volunteers.
- b. Virtual ELPAC Training for EL Parents – Friday, October 22, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. meet.google.com/sxe-mhdk-tes

XI. Adjournment: Isabel Cavero asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 am. Myra Vera-Rizo motioned and Maria Teresa Lopez seconded the motion.

Next DELAC Meeting
Friday, November 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Virtual
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