RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DELAC) CESAR CHAVEZ/DOLORES HUERTA CENTER FOR EDUCATION

November 4, 2022 Meeting, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

- I. Call the Meeting to Order: Isabel Cavero called meeting to order 9:16 am
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Isabel Cavero, DELAC Chairperson
- III. Roll call of Members: Dr. Marina Madrid called out the names of the representatives. In combination with the representatives who attended via Google meets, a quorum was established.
- IV. Deletions of Agenda Items: Dr. Madrid suggested to move Item VI part B to the end of the agenda. She also suggested to move the reports from DELAC members after the presentation from Mr. Adam Waggoner. The representative from Hughbanks motioned and the representative from Dollahan seconded the motion.
- V. Reading and Approval of Minutes April 15, 2022 Minutes 4/15/22; August 26, 2022; Minutes 8/26/2022 & September 9, 2022 Minutes 9/9/2022: The minutes from September 9 were reviewed. The representative from Henry motioned to approve the minutes as is. A representative from Trapp seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

VI. Review and Information Items

a. The importance of excellent attendance: Adam Waggoner, Agent, Child Welfare and Attendance was the guest presenter. Mr. Waggoner reviewed attendance laws, research and data, acceptable reasons for absences, ideas for improving attendance and penalties that exist for non-school attendance. He stressed that Rialto Unified subscribes to the theory of "it takes a village" in order to improve a student's attendance. The school, the household, and his office all work together in order to curb chronic absenteeism. He is aware that students become ill, issues at home arise and a lot of factors contribute to chronic absenteeism. This is why communicating with the school is important. Attendance can become habitual so it is important to not allow a problem to snowball. Both the school and the Child Welfare and Attendance office can support with resources.

He stressed that even though work can be made up, the one thing that can never be made up is that initial instruction in the classroom. Students must be present in order to learn.

b. Partner work - Reclassification and ELPAC preparation: Dr. Madrid paired the DELAC representatives with their school administrator. She handed out an English Learner profile that belongs to the student of the parent present. Besides the profile for the student, the district's reclassification requirements were included in each packet. The administrator and parent then went over each requirement and referenced the profile to see what requirements have been met and which have not. Members and others present were then able to give commentary on the reclassification process. Many parents expressed that the exercise was good for them to really understand the process and requirements.

VII. Action Items

None

VIII. Reports

- a. DELAC Representatives report to the District English Learner Advisory Committee on their English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC): To save time, representatives from the sites turned in written reports. Morgan Elementary shared that EL's are being invited to an ELPAC Academy Tuesdays and Thursdays and ELPAC chats had begun for all students in grades 3-5. The representative from Dollahan shared that Dollahan has the best attendance and currently has zero chronic absenteeism. They recently had 12 students reclassify and the latest iReady scores show their students are at the top of the District. Rialto High School shared that at their latest ELAC meeting, they took nominations for officers. 51 out of 77 possible candidates have reclassified. They discussed PIQE as well as the dress code enforced at RHS.
- IX. Public Comment (3 minutes per person, one person at a time, related to English Learner Programs at your school)

X. Announcements

- a. EL Monitoring Process Follow up actions for parents virtual workshop Thursday,
 November 10, 2022 at 9:00 am 11:00 am in English/Spanish and 6:00 pm 8:00
 pm in Spanish only. Link: meet.google.com/yar-osor-kbv
- b. DELAC Calendar
- c. Dr. Madrid invited parents to register for 12 Poderes Workshop

XI. Adjournment: Representative from Rialto High motions to adjourn the meeting and the representative from Jehue Middle School seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Next DELAC Meeting

Friday, January 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Center for Education PDC (Bistro) 324 N. Palm Ave., Rialto, CA 92376