

Fairlands Elementary

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Agenda - Monday, January 28 8:15-9:30 am



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Topic	Desired Outcome	Notes
Welcome & Introductions	Greetings! Introductions: Please state your name, child/ren name and grade level	See attached attendance sign-in sheet Sliddeck Link for Jan 28 Meeting: http://bit.ly/Jan28ELAC
Review purpose of ELAC & DELAC	ELAC-English Learner Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help inform teacher's instruction - What do parents want at our school for our English Learners • Suggestions to School Site Council • Meet 4 times a year, minimum DELAC - District English Learner Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Nov 28th meeting (if any one attended) 	Marie-Ange reported DELAC meeting minutes from Nov 28. She informed that all DELAC agendas, links, and supporting documents are all posted on the PUSD website. The District's Master EL Plan, ELPAC, reclassification for EL students to proficient speakers of English were all discussed.
Election of ELAC Officers & DELAC Representative	Propose the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson: Vandana Nag, vandananag13@gmail.com • Vice-Chairperson: Marie-Ange Preceti, maprecetii@gmail.com • Secretary: Naga Bhavani Maddula, bhavani.maddula88@gmail.com • DELAC representative: Marie-Ange Preceti, maprecetii@gmail.com 	All present at the Jan 28, 2019 meeting unanimously voted for the officers and representatives as listed.
ELAC Bylaws	Review and vote for approval	All present at the Jan 28, 2019 meeting unanimously voted and approved Fairlands Bylaws for ELAC.
Current enrollment of ELs at Fairlands and attendance	Discuss importance of attendance and brainstorm ways to improve	Student attendance: Coming late is better than missing school; Staffy focus on how much learning occurs while at school; interaction with peers and teachers cannot be simulated; School builds knowledge referring to language and concepts from one day to next; good attendance enforces good habits; Independent Study Contracts (two week minimum notice for 5-20 days of absence); Encourage vacations during school breaks.

<p>Current Resources for English Learners</p>	<p>Designated and Integrated English Language Development Breaking the Code</p>	<p>online applications for new speakers of English -Ms. Carstensen demonstrated the Benchmark Advance EL development materials and walked us through a lesson on nouns and 'wh' questions. -Vandana shared benefits of city library, parks, story books, and tv can significantly foster English development. PBS Kids also referenced as a good resource. -Discussion regarding adult English learners and resources available at the public library and through PUSD adult education</p>
<p>School Needs Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study school student achievement data • Study existing programs • Social, cultural, and English language need of the EL students 	<p>http://bit.ly/FAIRLANDSSURVEYEL -Encouraged all to complete; Heidi will be emailing out the survey link</p>
<p>English Language Proficiency Assessments of California (ELPAC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To become familiar with ELPAC • To learn how to support child in ELPAC • NOTE: THIS IS A REVIEW FROM OCTOBER MEETING - ONLY FOR REFERENCE AS THE TEST WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Guide to Understanding ELPAC • ELPAC Summative Assessment will be administered in Feb-April in Pleasanton Unified • Practice tests: http://bit.ly/ELPACpractice • Parent shared that the invitation for summer Initial ELPAC testing was confusing and suggested that the letter include more detailed explanation
<p>Future meeting dates:</p>	<p>To increase participation at ELAC and DELAC meetings</p> <p>DELAC-District wide meeting 6:00PM in the Board Room at the District Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 6 • April 17 	<p>ELAC dates at Fairlands School: Time: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Location: Fairlands Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, March 18 • Monday, April 22

Closing	Questions?	9.30 meeting ended.
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