

#### **English Learner Advisory committee (ELAC Q4)**

Respectfully submitted: Cynthia Garcia-Doane 5/1/25

**Location**: Online Date: 04/30/25 Time: 6:00 pm

#### I. Welcome

- A. Meeting was opened by Dr. Damaris Owens, Asst. Principal and began at 6:01 PM (ML Program Specialist Wyona Jimenez out sick in the ER from Tuesday to Wednesday)
- B. New ELAC Parent Officers are introduced
  - 1. New Officers: Chair-Annette Fraga *(in attendance)*; Vice-Chair- Valarie Galdamez (absent); Secretary- Christina Hernandez (absent)
- C. All information was presented in both English and Spanish, with ELD HQT Ms. Sandra Alcantar and paraprofessional Ms. Evelyn Gonzalez Lima providing interpretation throughout the presentation.

# II. Importance of Parents' Comments and Opinions Documented at the Meeting. (Presented by EL LEAD HQT- Ms. Cynthia Garcia-Doane)

- A. Parents were informed of the proof of parent attendance that is required for online schools by the State of CA.
- B. Parents were instructed on how to use the CHAT feature on their computers and phones.
- C. Parents practiced using the feature by entering their name, their student, and their relationship to the student.
- D. Parents were informed that they would be asked questions to respond to, throughout the evening's presentation.
- E. Parent Question #1 was asked: In one sentence, tell us how the school has (or hasn't) shown that it listens to parents' ideas?
- F. Parent Question #2 was asked: Can you share one way a teacher has supported your child this year?
- G. \*\*\*Ist Parent Appreciation Raffle. Parents who attended the meeting were entered into a digital "Wheel of Names" raffle. The wheel was spun live to select a winner, who then chose from three different prize options—each a unique set of emergency family supplies.



# III. Strategic Multilingual Program Initiative Supporting CSI Goals (Presented by Paraprofessional Miguel Martinez)

- A. The CSI school plan was explained and how it pertains to supporting our school's graduation rate.
- B. We currently have 42 students in our CSI 4th and 5th year of high school. Our top priority is helping them reach their graduation goal and a high school diploma.
- C. Our department paraprofessionals: Mr. Miguel and Ms. Evelyn, meet with each of these students to identify the best way to move these students forward. They co-create a clear, personalized plan with each student to help them succeed.

# IV. Addressing the LCAP Goals for Multilingual Learners (Presented by HQT Cynthia Garcia-Doane)

- A. The LCAP ML goals for this school year were reviewed for all three charter schools: MA, SDMA, PG.
- B. In addition, a brief explanation was given regarding funding for English Learners.
- C. Parent Educational Partner Engagement activities and outreach was shared because INCREASING Education Partner Engagement is one of our school's 4 LCAP Goals.

#### V. Parent SurveyResults Shared (Presented by Sandra Alcantar)

- A. Parent Survey "Support Your Child" results were shared and included comments on:
  - 1. "What is something important you would like to share about how your child has learned or felt at school this Year?"
  - 2. "Which of the following would help you feel more connected to your education?" (37.5% responded they already feel well connected; 25% want *More updates about my progress*; 25% want *Translated materials in my language*; 12.5% want *Invitations to more meetings or events*)
  - 3. Last survey question shown was "Do you receive enough language support from the school to succeed in your classes? (62.5% said "Yes, enough support" and 37.5% said "Some support but not enough.")
- B. Parent Question #3 was asked: What is one program or service you would like to see added or continued next year?
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#### VI. ELPAC Update (Presented by HQT Brenda Requena-Sazo)

- A. An ELPAC update was shared we tested: as of this date these are the percentages of COMPLETED ELPAC tests by charter: MA 96.30%, SDMA 93.85%, PG 97.30% and Overall for all charters 95.78%.
- B. Our 2025 ELPAC testing ends: 5/30/25

## VII. Reclassification Process- From ELto RFEP (Presented by HQT Brenda Requena-Sazo)

- A. The process of how a student moves from being designated an English Learner to being officially redesignated as Fluent English Proficient was shared along with the specific criteria needed to qualify for RECLASSIFICATION.
- B. Parent Question #4 was asked: What kind of support would help your child improve their English?

# VIII. Data Overview: What support looks like (Data on 1:1 direct support sessions with Multilingual Students) (Presented by Miguel Martinez, Paraprofessional)

A. Snapshot of our Multilingual team's Impact: Since July 1, 2024, the ML Dept. team has provided a combined total of 1,248 sessions dedicating over 1,081 hours of direct support to English Learners.

## IX. New School Year Updates 2025-2026 (Presented by Paraprofessional, Ms. Evelyn Gonzalez Lima)

- A. New ELD Curriculum to support Newcomers: Burlington English
- B. New ELD Courses: Lighthouse for students with an overall level 3 score on the ELPAC
- C. Collaboration with New ELAC Officers: planning for parent workshops and engagement
- D. Parent Input Opportunity
- E. Updated communication process: all ELAC messages will now come through our new ELAC Secretary.



F. New SY 2025-2026 ELAC dates: Q1 8/20/25, Q2 11/12/25, Q3 2/18/26, Q4 4/29/26

#### X. Final Meeting 24-25 (Presented by Dr. Damaris Owens)

- A. This is our FINAL meeting for SY 24-25
- B. Parent Question #5 was asked: What is one hope you have for your child (or yourself as an adult student) next school year?

#### XI. Adjournment

- A. Dr. Damaris Owens thanked all for attending.
- B. Meeting was adjourned and ended at: 6:45 pm.