



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

School: Santa Monica High School
Date of ELAC meeting: January 31, 2015

Members present: Sign in sheet. **Mandated Topics:** (Check the topic(s) covered)

	1. Assist in the development of school-wide need assessment
	2. Assist with efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance
	3. Advise the principal and staff in the development of a site plan for ELs and submit plan to the school council for consideration of inclusion in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
	4. Receives training to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities
	5. Elect representative(s) for the District English Learner Advisory Committee
X	6. Other: ELPAC Exam Preparation (Reclassification) and Seal of Biliteracy/

- I **Meeting was called to order at:** 6:32pm by Ninfa Hernandez, Vice-President. Welcome and Norms
- II **Community building Activity:** Johanna facilitated. Asked participants to choose one of the choices shown. The point of this activity is to reiterate the idea that in a community even when we have different likes, opinions we have the capacity to successfully work together as a choice to help edify our community and in this case invest in our students. Or that we may more alike than we thought, just takes honest communication. Power Point available.
- III **Roll call/Attendance:** Ruben Hernandez, Henry Hernandez (stu), Ashley Hernandez(stu), Corian Hernandez, Lucy Prieto, **Ninfa Hernandez, Nilda Suazo, Lucy Prieto,** Erika Arenas, Yolanda Perez, Maria Vasquez, Adal Vasquez (stu), Henna Gomez, **Yolanda Perez,** Mary Cornejo, Leyla Arenas, Dr. Berenice Onofre, Adrienne Karyadi, Johanna De La Rosa
- IV **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were available but they were not read an approved at this meeting, no quorum at this moment
- V **ELAC Topic: ELPAC Exam Review and Preparation and Application for Seal of Biliteracy**
 Mrs. Karyadi mentioned that the parents got an email from Dr. Mora about the Star Reading, ELPAC in Spring of 2021.If parents have any questions about the letter they received please contact Adrienne via email at akaryadi@smmusd.org. ELPAC exams are here! Adrienne showed parents students can practice and prepare for the exam, please ask your students to take the exam seriously, that it helps them to reclassify. This is the website <https://www.elpac.org/resources/practicetests>. Ms. De La Rosa reminded parents that attending school regularly is also a piece of the success for our EL students, reach out for support when needed.
Seal of Biliteracy: all of our EL students technically can apply for this award from the state of California if they meet all of the criteria besides being bilingual. We want our students to make this a graduation goal. Some students have already begun to ask questions in preparation. Please talk about this with your students. See Power Point.
- VI **Discussion/Recommendations:** Adrienne reports that after the Flex Time sessions scheduled specifically for our EL students, some very insightful suggestions were made by the students such as a club for new arrivals, not knowing or understanding access to mental health services, also mental health services are not available in their languages. Use of



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Flex Time Sessions as a social time. Dr. Berenice Onofre asked who are the long term EIs, what is the breakdown? What grades? Which are the methods of learning? How is the instruction in classes? Mrs. Karyadi responds that we have levels, low language skills receive 1 hour in an ELD class, other levels are in general classes with a bilingual T.A., but all students have extra support. Sometimes the struggles are not related to language, therefore speaking with the Advisor is important. A follow up from Dr. Onofre, she says that she students have spoken to her that they are frustrated in classes because they are all mixed in and they do not understand. In the past the students were separated in three levels, beginning, intermediate, advanced. Plus, there has not been a T.A. available all semester. Maybe it's a good idea to look at COVID-19 money available to help students. Adrienne mentioned that the criteria for reclassification could use updating, to speak to the DELAC about this and that students can get extra help during Flex Time. Mrs. Ninfa Hernandez is happy to hear that we are meeting with the students. Also, agrees that the criteria can be updated.

VII DELAC Report: N/A -We still need a DELAC Representative who can regularly attend meetings once a month from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

VIII Public Comments: Ninfa Hernandez reports that there are families who say they do not receive the invitation to these meetings. De La Rosa offers that you please tell those people to contact me to check their information and find a solution. We have this Aeries system and it has caused problems but they have to communicate with the school.

IX Announcements: Various. See Power Point. The winner of a \$25 Visa gift card is Erika Arenas. Congratulations!

XI The meeting was adjourned at: 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Johanna De La Rosa, BCL on behalf of Secretary Aida Pichardo

Not yet approved