

Minutes of English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Friday, October 6, 2023

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Than Short, Assistant Director of Student Achievement, at 12:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

- The following members were present:

Than Short, Leslie Dombek, Leticia Barcenas, The ELD Faculty, and Aya Tomita (Parent)

III. New Business

- Than Short was the first presenter. She focused on the purpose of the English Learner Advisory Committee, emphasizing its role in empowering parents with a voice within our school community. She covered crucial aspects, including the bylaws, insights into the committee nominations process, an overview of the English Learners Department, and the goals of the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan).
- The second presenter was Leticia Barcenas, the Coordinator of English Learner Development. She introduced the ELD teachers and coordinators for grades K-12, and shed light on the comprehensive support system for English Learners within the school. Leticia outlined strategies employed to make the curriculum accessible to all students. She emphasized the significance of attending Live Lessons, and highlighted the Culture Cafe program - which is a secure space fostering courage and English language practice. Additionally, details on the Summative ELPAC were provided, underlining the commitment to ensuring academic success and linguistic development for all students.
- In the presentation delivered by Leslie Dombek, the Director of Student Achievement, key aspects of the discussion included a comprehensive explanation of Title 1 funding and its implications. Leslie addressed academic goals, underlining the importance of effective communication in achieving them. She emphasized the commitment to decreasing chronic absenteeism and improving the graduation rate. A central theme was ensuring that all children reach their academic goals, with visual aids such as graphs providing a clear overview of testing outcomes. Leslie's presentation underscored a dedication to student success and the utilization of data-driven strategies to enhance educational outcomes.

IV. Announcements

- Leslie Dombek announced the nomination form would be sent out no later than Monday, October 9th.

V. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 12:00 PM on Zoom.

VI. Adjournment

- Than Short adjourned the meeting at 12:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deidre Powell
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October 9, 2023