

DLAC- District English Learner Parent Advisory Committee

November 8, 2018

6:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Kentfield School District Office Boardroom

Meeting Notes:

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Ms. Amber Hatfield the District EL coordinator and Bacich EL teacher began the meeting at 6:00 pm and facilitated the meeting. She reviewed the things that would be covered and referred to agenda. The group did introductions.

Establishing Group Norms

The group discussed draft team norms. The team discussed most of the norms and decided to keep them all for this school year.

Entitlement Under EL Status:

The group reviewed Entitlement under ELD status and talked about what academic instruction looks like for students who qualify for EL services. Ms. Hatfield described the various kinds of services students are entitled to. Ms. Hatfield reviewed the definitions of designated and integrated ELD and parent entitlement to parent input through DLAC/ELAC and Initial and Summative ELPAC testing and Score reports were reviewed. Parents asked some questions and Ms. Hatfield explained how ELPAC testing works.

Redesignation

Next Ms. Hatfield discussed and described the reclassification process and entitlement under redesignated status. The parents asked questions and the redesignation process was clarified.

Recognition Ceremony

Ms. Hatfield brought up the topic of a recognition ceremony for students who have been reclassified. Parents shared ideas for this. They would like students who have been reclassified in the past to also be recognized not just students who are reclassified this school year. The idea was discussed of giving a different name besides "reclassified" to the students in the ceremony which would convey the idea of being fluent in two languages. Parents asked if children could be grouped by the year that they were reclassified. Parents would like their students to be recognized even if they were reclassified in a previous district. Parents would especially like kids to be recognized at a school assembly in front of their peers. The group also discussed recognition for students at a board meeting. Ms. Peck expressed the idea of getting students' input on the recognition ceremony.

Introduction to the LCAP- Local Accountability Plan for the Kentfield School District

Liz Schott, the district Superintendent reviewed the LCAP. Ms. Schott shared the district's key goals of increasing learning outcomes for English Language Learners. Ms. Schott mentioned a survey which will come out in December and encouraged family participation. She also reminded the families that she will be coming to a spring meeting to get EL families input for the LCAP.

Parent Conferences:

The group talked about signing up for parent-teacher conferences and how to request a translator for the conferences. A Spanish language translator will be available from 1:00-4:00 pm on November 13, 14, 15, and 16 for conferences. Other languages are available upon request. Parents asked for help signing up form conferences and Ms. Hatfield offered to stay after the meeting and walk through the sign up with anyone who needed help signing up. Used laptops are available for families who need them.

PTA President

PTA president Pere Wait introduced herself and shared information with parents about some upcoming PTA events. She invited parents to upcoming PTA meetings and events. The next events are the craft fair and a Lunar New Year celebration at Kent coming up in February.

Future Agenda Items and additional Parent Questions:

The group discussed topics for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm and several parents stayed to walk through the sign-ups for parent-teacher conferences.