

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2014

Education Center, Room 2038

Officers Present: Valentina Hernandez, Gabriela Contreras-Misirlioglu, Florentina Martinez, Lallia Allali, Rosalva Morales, Daniella Mora

OLA Staff Present: Nevada Allen, Debra Dougherty, Kathy Velasco, Mary Waldron

Opening and Minutes

Secretary Florentina Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., welcomed everyone, and asked those present to read the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Request to change order of agenda items

Debra asked that the Board discuss Item III, *Consolidated Application and EL Funding*, before Item II, *Debrief of June 2014 General Meeting*. All present agreed.

Consolidated Application and EL Funding

Ron Rode, Executive Director, Accountability Office and Debra Dougherty

Debra guided officers through an introductory activity to refresh their memories of English Learner programs and services that the DELAC Executive Board has discussed and advised upon over the course of the school year. The second part of the activity delineated the two types of English Learner funding that the district has traditionally received – federal (Title III LEP) and state (Economic Impact Aid – Limited English Proficient EIA-LEP), and an explanation of how Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funds have superseded EIA-LEP.

Mr. Rode then explained that, in the proposed budget for 2014-2015, the district's plan is to use all available Title III funds to support English Learner Support Teacher and New Arrival Center Teacher positions. After discussion of the chart and the value of these services, the Board agreed unanimously to support the district's plan for usage of Title III funds, and authorized Mr. Rode to reflect their support in district's Consolidated Application submission.

Discussion of June 12 General Meeting and Advice to the District

Everyone congratulated the newly elected officers. Those elected into new positions expressed a desire to work collaboratively as a team in the interest of advancing opportunities for EL students.

In response to information brought forward by Minerva Espejo at the June 12 General Meeting, Mary Waldron provided an overview of information covered at the superintendent's budget meeting with principals, which was held on June 9, 2014 and of the Board of Education meeting, which was held on June 10, 2014. She encouraged all present to watch the online video of the June 10 meeting, so they could be privy to all details of the budget crises, and hear directly from the superintendent and board members.

In light of the potential cuts of ELST positions, she reminded the Board that DELAC must focus on how to support schools to keep a focus on the needs of English Learners, even if the school does not have an ELST. She talked about DELAC's role as an advisory body, and of the protocol that representatives of DELAC or ELACs, when addressing others in that capacity, should express the consensus of the DELAC Board as a whole, or a site ELAC as a whole, versus bringing forward opinions or concerns as an individual citizen.

All officers present supported the idea of summarizing their views about the value of ELSTs, and their concerns about cuts to the ELST program, in a letter to be sent to the superintendent and Board of Education members, in advance of the Board of Education meeting scheduled for June 27, 2014.

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Meeting Report

Gabriela shared her experiences participating in the LCAP meetings and urged new officers to study the Local Control Funding Formula and the Local Control Accountability Plan to be aware of its effect on the budget.

Review of and Comment on District Written Response to DELAC's LCAP

Gabriela thanked OLA staff for capturing the thoughts of the DELAC board and helping to prepare the LCAP Input document for DELAC.

Quick Announcements & Review of Handout Packet

Debra presented Daniella Mora with a certificate of appreciation for her work as our district's first Student Representative to DELAC. Valentina moved that all board members put their contact information on the district website on the DELAC page. There was no second, so the motion died.

Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.