

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013

Education Center, Room 2038

Officers Present: Lallia Allali, Valentina Hernandez, Rosalva Morales, Maricela Soto

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

Opening and Minutes

Parliamentarian Rosalva Morales called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., welcomed everyone, and asked those present to read the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Discussion of November 7 General Meeting

Officers responded positively to the attendance presentation. They felt it was important information for all parents and were surprised at the large amount of money that is lost due to absences. They also enjoyed the superintendent's address and the information she presented about changes in common core state standards and standardized testing.

DELAC Needs Assessment, Link to Legal Tasks, Topics for Next General Meeting

Both November 7 presentations, "School Success Starts with Good Attendance" and "Supplemental Educational Services Tutoring" fall into the category of "*Other Topics of Interest to DELAC and EL Parents.*" The following topics were chosen for the December 5, 2013 DELAC General Meeting Agenda:

- Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
- Instructional Services for English Learners

Report on Local "Mini-CABE" Conference

Valentina shared about the recent local conference. She said that although the conference was smaller, there was a lot of good information shared with attendees. She especially enjoyed sessions on Family Relationship Building and the importance of critical thinking and writing in the new Common Core State Standards. She also enjoyed the Dia de los Muertos alter displays.

Quick Announcements

Debra shared that the NABE Conference that will be held here in San Diego in February has added a free Parent Institute on Thursday, February 13, 2014. They are allowing our district to invite 10 participants. DELAC officers supported Debra's suggestion that the ten spaces be offered to our current DELAC officers and those who have served as officers recently (Yasmin Bozin, Olivia Ouchen, Luz Portillo, and Minerva Espejo). We need to have the RSVPs by December 1 from all invitees to the NABE Parent Institute as well the RSVPs from our current board members about whether they wish to attend one of the following big conferences: NABE, CABE, or ATDLE. (Information regarding these three choices was provided again). Valentina, Lallia, & Maricela plan to attend the NABE Parent Institute. Rosalva needs to check her work calendar. Gabi and Flor will be sent the information and asked to RSVP to Nevada by December 1, 2013.

Valentina reminded everyone that Supplemental Education Services tutoring applications are due.

Lallia shared that the Islamic Center received several phone calls that students who were absent from school due to recent Islamic holidays did not have these absences excused as "Religious Holidays". She did state that these calls came from families of students in other school districts, not San Diego Unified.

Nevada shared that Lallia had her first two school visits as ELAC Liaison (CPMA and Dana) and did a wonderful job.

Review of Written Petition to Change DELAC Bylaws

1. It was moved that, "*The DELAC chairperson and the Executive Board Members will meet at least 2 weeks prior to each General meeting to determine the schedule, agenda, speakers, and activities for the General meetings*" replace existing language about protocol and timelines for DELAC Executive Board meetings. Discussion followed. There was no second. Motion died.
2. It was moved that, "*Members of ELAC and DELAC Executive Board members must present a written petition to amend, change or modify the bylaws at any time when needed*" replace existing language about how often proposals to change bylaws can be considered. Discussion followed. There was no second. Motion died.
3. It was moved that the word, "*Informational*" be added to the description of the ELAC Liaison's duties in bullet number four: "*Assists sites in creating and maintaining their ELACs by giving motivational, encouraging, [and "informational"] presentations.*" Discussion followed. There was no second. Motion died.

Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.