



## Minutes for ELAC\* Meeting

17 March 2025 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

\*ELAC is a committee of parents, guardians, staff, and community members designated to advise the school officials on the services of the English Language Development (ELD) program. Parents and Guardians can meet with teachers and staff and participate in the education of their children.

### Agenda

#### I. Welcome

Present were the following attendees: Carla Nuñez (DELAC representative), Tristan Komlos (administrator), Johanna de la Rosa (parent liaison), Adrienne Karyadi (EL Program Lead teacher, acting secretary), Aide Suarez Gomez (case management specialist for Community Schools), Soledad (9th grade parent), Maria (parent), Yongjae Lee (parent), Mona Kaabinejadian (vice-president), Claudia Selvas (bilingual TA, parent). Meeting started at 6:39 pm. Quorum was met by the attendees.

Quote: "When life throws you a rainy day, play in the puddles." Attendees shared what this quote meant to them.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of our last meeting in January have been posted online. The draft of the minutes was shared with members via email a week after the previous ELAC meeting and approved on

#### III. DELAC Report

Carla said that Laura Hernandez, our DELAC rep, could not make it. Feb 13th meeting talked about ELD students who were also in SpEd. What is an IEP? How does an IEP overlap with language classification? How does reclassification work for EL students who is SpEd? Next meeting is Wednesday 19 March 2025 from 9-11 on zoom. Topic: LCAP annual update, teacher qualifications and credentials.

#### IV. SAMOHI Student Ambassadors Report

Recently Carla Nunez (Community Schools) and Johanna de la Rosa (Parent Liaison) hosted lunch for the ELAC student ambassadors in D104 during Flex Time. Students were appreciative of the Bay Cities lunch and attendance of Carla, Johanna and Aide. Students have been meeting at lunch, during Flex and after school to translate their videos into different languages. They are now filming their videos.

#### V. ELAC Topic: Current Student Data and Reclassification

Student/parent meetings have been held to reclassify 8 students for cycle 2. Together with the 8 students reclassified in Fall, we have 16 kids reclassified for the year so far. 68 total EL students left. Originally, only 2 qualified for redesignation during cycle 2, but Sarah Rodriguez

retested 10 students with ELPAC level 4 scores in a special pull-out session. 6 of the 10 students in that session scored high enough to reclassify. Some of those students doubled their STAR reading scores upon the retest with Sarah Rodriguez.

## **VI. ELAC Discussion/ recommendations**

During the discussion about scholarship awards, three criteria for the scholarship in the past were mentioned: first, student participation in ELAC Ambassadors/Student group; second, those attending college or trade school; and finally financial need. Adrienne compiled a list of eligible EL and recently redesignated RFEP students. Because some of the work of the ELAC Student Ambassadors has been done by new arrivals who were IFEP students, they were included too as potential nominees. ***The group recommended formalizing the procedure for selecting students in the future, perhaps by creating a form for eligible candidates to complete.***

## **VII. Other business**

1. ***ELAC Scholarship Recipients:*** Adrienne shared a list of students who were EL, RFEP and newly arrived IFEP students who were 12th graders and potentially eligible for the ELAC scholarship. Tristan Komlos made a motion that a small group investigate the students eligible and then decide who will win the scholarship and how much money will be given to those students. The motion was seconded and passed by the members present. ***No one was selected to be a part of this committee at the ELAC meeting. But a group met on campus to make the selection. The group included Johanna de la Rosa, Carla Nunez, Claudia Selvas, and Adrienne Karyadi.***
2. ***CABE:*** PTSA gave ELAC a grant to send 2 students to the conference. 3 students from the ELAC Ambassadors club expressed interest, and the 2 students going to the conference are the 2 students who came to the January meeting. The 1-day institute is March 27th, 2025. ELAC expressed a desire to send student and possibly parent teams each time CABE is held in the LA area in the future. The ELD Program Lead Teacher would continue the process of applying for the PTSA grant and doing the paperwork as well as chaperoning students in the future.
3. ***Community Schools Survey:*** Carla shared her screen to explain the community schools survey with parents, and posted the link in the meeting chat. Carla also promoted the holiday gift card drive as one of the other activities that LA County Office of Education plans. Margaret's Place, drop-in counseling, Viking Hub, and wellness resource fairs are other services that LA Community Schools provides to Samohi. \$11,000 was raised for the holiday gift drive and \$2,000 was raised recently for students affected by the fires. Use the link <https://bit.ly/guardiansurvey2025> to participate in the parent survey so that the community needs can be effectively addressed.
4. ***Next year meeting dates:*** ELAC only meets 5 times a year. Dates proposed for next year's meetings are 9/22, 11/17, 1/26, 3/16, 5/18. Johanna made a motion to schedule for the proposed dates to be calendared for next year. Motion seconded and passed by the members present.

**5. Planning for the May 2025 celebration:** The district would like the final ELAC meeting of the year to be on Zoom, but this means that we would not be having an in-person celebration, as has been our tradition. Also, students who received the scholarship award would not be present. The group discussed doing a hybrid meeting instead, or doing the celebration during lunch time (during the school day). Members discussed having the celebration for students rather than for parents, and therefore lunch might work better. Another proposal was to have the scholarship recipients meet with ELAC at a reception before Senior Awards Night, at about 4 pm on 22 May 2025. If we did the reception, then the College College Career center would invite the seniors to the reception.

Motion made by Tristan Komlos to forgo ELAC's May meeting in lieu of attending the scholarship reception for Senior Awards night instead. Motion seconded and passed by the members present.

### **VIII. Follow-ups**

Newcomer handbook on the Samohi web page was discussed at our last meeting. We wondered if the item could be added to the drop-down menus on the main page. Maryanne Solomon added the link to those menus. Johanna suggested that it be added as a link for parents going through registration as well. Current versions include English, Russian, Farsi, Spanish, and 2 versions in Chinese; Portuguese and French are in process, and potentially Hebrew and Turkish.

### **IX. Announcements**

General announcements about ways for parents to get information about students and on-campus services were repeated (from previous meetings). The names of the bilingual TAs (Carolina Vila and Claudia Selvas) and the new case management specialist for community schools (Aide Suarez Gomez) were shared with the group. The program is now staffed at 100% for the first time in over 2 years.

### **X. Public comments**

No public comments

### **XI. Process-check and Closure**

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-President Mona Kaabinejadian at 7:41 pm. Minutes taken by acting secretary Adrienne Karyadi.

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