



Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement
DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karla Franco, Chair, at 10:03 a.m. Mrs. Reina Diaz, the administrator, spoke about the meeting norms. Mrs. Diana Guillen, Vice Chair, discussed Parents' Rights and the importance of advocating for them.

II. Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by Maira Barragán (Spanish) and Alicia Suarez (English)."

III. Public Comment

Karla Franco, Chair, facilitated the public comments.

1. **María Luisa Palma:** Commented regarding the Joy and Wellness budget item, which allocates \$562 million. This is the source of funding for the school police program under the LCAP and we are seeking transparency.
2. **Merquisedet Absalón:** He spoke about the issue of numerous parental complaints regarding school violence, but the school board does not want to listen. He asked for support in gathering signatures in support of school police.
3. **María Daysi Ortiz:** She spoke about how LAUSD always creates policies to control parents. She reported that the plans regarding English learners being presented to the board is done without consulting the DELAC committee."
4. **Paul Robak:** He shared that Mr. Plascencia, SFACE Director, is going to be promoted and that parents from the committees should be consulted about the selection of the new director.
5. **Juan Jose Mangandi:** He stated that parents need to be united to gather more than 2,000 signatures to support the school police. He congratulated the parents for their unity and not to allow themselves to not be intimidated.

IV. Roll Call/Quorum

Mrs. Guillen, Vice Chair, led the roll call and a quorum was established with 36 members at 10:36 am. Member Carol Landaverde was added at 10:56 am, making it a total of 37 members.

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Diana Guillen, Vice Chair, read the minutes of March 21st. Member Janet Galindo made the first motion to approve the minutes as written, and Monica Arrazola seconded the motion. There were 33 votes in favor, 1 abstention, and 0 against. The motion passed.

VI. Chairperson's Report:

Karla Franco, Chairperson, wanted to ensure that parent contributions are respected in both DELAC and ELAC and that each school delegate be considered so that ELAC is connected to DELAC. As an executive board, we have asked the LCAP office led by Erik

Elward to present information on the plans and their results so that the membership can provide feedback based on the information. However, since this office has refused to present the information that we have requested, with the support of Mr. Antonio Plascencia Director of SFACE, [therefore] we have decided that they will not present repeated data from previous years until they bring what they are being asked for with updated information on the 84 actions of the 8 goals included in the LAUSD accountability plan. She thanked all the parents for their support and for being a supportive and change-making membership.

DELAC IS COMMITTED TO FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, but the district is not providing the information that is needed to do so properly, since DELAC is responsible for ensuring 100% of the indicated support for English learners.

Therefore, I propose:

1. That LAUSD modify its policies and practices required for the SFACE office to provide the appropriate information to DELAC so that the committee can fulfill its responsibilities such as Reviewing and commenting on the development or update of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- 2 That they change their policy of having parents continue to participate in the DELAC committee with children who have been reclassified and are entering the monitoring years phase.
3. That they change the reimbursement policy so that parents who participate in central committees, especially DELAC, should receive a fixed fee of \$99.90 for each official meeting they attend for all expenses incurred
4. As the Chairperson and as a team with the board I ask the members to go to the board of Education formally to present these demands that are a priority so that parents can participate and our students can meet the expectations by continuing to be the voice of the students and be heard before the board continues to make decisions without listening to us and without taking us into account in the decisions they make. She thanked all the members.

The Vice Chair, Diana Guillen, made a motion for the approval of the proposals reflected in the Chair's report, adding an ombudsman for parental rights and their inclusion in the selection of the new SFACE director. It was seconded by Carol Landaverde Sandoval. There was a discussion. It was brought to a vote, with 33 votes in favor, 1 abstention, and 0 against. The motion passed.

VII. Presentation: Teacher and Teacher Aide Credentialing

Mr. Posadas, administrator of the multilingual office MMED, stated that teachers working in secondary schools must have specific credentials for the subject they are teaching. However, it's different for teachers teaching ELD; they must have authorization to be fluent in English and possess an authorized credential to teach any subject to students who are learning English.

98% of the teachers are authorized to teach ELD, and only the remaining 2% do not meet

the requirements. Parents should receive a letter notifying them if a teacher is not authorized to teach. There was an opportunity for questions and answers.

The Vice-Chair clarified that she had requested in the DELAC agenda planning to bring the Plan for the authorization of teachers who teach ELD students, and they were ignored and that the members could provide input as required by state law on a Plan that was not presented. Committee members complained that the information presented was confusing and not understood. Therefore, it was agreed that no input would be given on this topic until MMED presented the complete Plan for teacher credentials.

VIII. Announcements from the Department of Multicultural and Multilingual Education:

Mr. Posada reported that there would be a summer enrichment program for newcomer students from June 20 to July 19, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For students in grades 9-12. There was an opportunity for questions and answers.

IX. Announcements from the Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement

Mr. Antonio Plascencia greeted everyone and thanked the parents for their support of English learners. He reported that training on Smart comments and parliamentary procedures is available on the website. He informed the committee that this school year there were more than 30,000 volunteers. They bought several books for the parent academy and conferences.

	Budget 2023 -2024	Budget 2024-2025
Specific student populations (TSP)	\$953,180	\$1, 095,362
Title I	\$1, 906,587	\$1, 918,657
General Funds	\$968,184	\$ 742,613
Total	\$3, 827,951	\$3, 756,632

Mr. Plascencia indicated that these numbers are presented in a general manner and are not specific, as the office receives additional funds that are not included in this presentation.

Additionally, he shared some other services that are provided. There was opportunity for questions and answers. Parents requested more specificity regarding expenses and the carryover from previous cycles. The Chair advocated for members to receive their refunds.

X. Announcements:

Ms. Landaverde, the Public Relations Representative, presented the announcements and provided information about the different tutoring services offered by the district as well as summer programs.

April 27, arts festival, a family guide, and an opportunity to become an ambassador, the arts and culture of Los Angeles. The next DELAC meeting was scheduled for May 23.

Chairperson Franco requested a minute of silence for all students who have passed away throughout the school district and urged everyone to join in prayer so that such situations do not happen again.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting officially closed at 1:04 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Diana Guillen Vicechair.