

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting

Antelope Valley Learning Academy

May 12th, 2022

Minutes

Meeting Details:

Facilitated by: Eduardo Arteaga, ELD Lead

Date: Thursday, May 12th, 2022

Time: 4PM

Location:

Antelope Valley Learning Academy

37212 47th. Street E.

Palmdale, CA 93552

Attendees

- Eduardo Arteaga, ELD Lead
- Guadalupe Salinas, Counselor
- Marisol Jimenez-Garcia, Spanish SGI Teacher
- Ricardo Gutierrez, Supervising Teacher (Math)
- Marco Martinez, Site Lead Teacher (History)
- Maria Sanchez, parent
- Peggy Baker, parent

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:16PM by Eduardo Arteaga.

Second: Maria Sanchez

Reports & Updates

Title I:

Reviewed our status as a Title I school and discussed the targeted groups and what we can do to support our students.

LCAP:

Discussed each of our goals and where we are. Ms. Salinas, school counselor, explained in detail what the counseling team does for Goal #2 regarding college and career readiness.

WASC Visit:

Shared the news that we are officially WASC accredited again.

ELPAC Testing:

Testing window closes on May 31st. 97% student participation of currently enrolled students.

Reclassification: Shared metrics for reclassification. Parents of qualifying students should expect information in the Fall regarding reclassification in December.

SARC Report:

Shared location of this report and how it shows our status as a school. Guided through website to access report.

Parental Involvement & Family Engagement

Discussion:

Parent involvement is an area of continued improvement. As a group we discussed what we can do for parents and their families and how the parents can self-advocate as well. Ms. Sanchez, parent of Giovanni Cruz suggested workshops or meetings to show parents how to access student grades and communicating better with staff. She expressed how she liked the format of our Parent/Teacher conferences.

Ms. Jimenez, Spanish teacher, shared about her class, and also encouraged parents to reach out to teachers as well. She reminded parents that supervising teachers see so many students that sometimes reaching a parent can take a few days.

We discussed and asked the parents what we can do as a center to support student progress. Ms. Sanchez expressed that for her son, she feels we're doing our part, but that *he* needs to advocate and pursue on his own to improve as well. Ms. Baker shared that communication in advance about meetings is important.

Ms. Sanchez suggested workshops for the parents or classes that they can attend to help their student, or themselves. Mr. Martinez, history teacher, suggested a citizenship course to prepare for US citizenship test. Ms. Jimenez would like to explore different cultures with the parents. A survey will be sent out to ask parents regarding workshops and what they would like to see offered at school for students and for their families.

General Comments

Ms. Sanchez thanked the team for taking time to meet. She expressed her desire to continue being involved as well as helping get other parents to join our group. She looks forward to what new things are coming in the new school year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 5:06PM by Eduardo Arteaga
Second: Marisol Jimenez