

**Ernie Pyle Elementary School
English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
MINUTES**



Tuesday, February 21, 2023
9:00 am in room 21 at Ernie Pyle Elementary School

Mandated Topics:

	1. Assist in the development of the schoolwide needs assessment
12-13-22	2. Assist with efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular attendance
10-4-22	3. Advise on the effectiveness of the school's program for English learners
10-4-22	4. Provide input to the School Site Council (SSC) on the development of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
10-4-22	5. Receive training to assist members in carrying out their legal responsibilities
10-4-22	6. Elect representative(s) for the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)
	7. Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10-4-22 Meet the Counselors & CSW - Support for students and Families at EP ● 12-13-22 School Safety Plan presentation and request for input ● 12-13-22 Norwalk Adult School programs offered free of charge- ESL, Trade & Technical Classes, Computer Classes ● 2-21-23 Guest Speaker from Community Resource Center

- I. Mrs. Jessica Cummings - the Principal welcomed the parents. Mrs. Patricia Reyes introduced herself and provided a brief information about the services offered through Caring Connections.
- II. Call to order at 9:05 am
- III. Meeting Records
 - A. Approval of Proposed Agenda
 - 1st motion was made by Mrs. Maricela Estrada
 - 2nd motion was made by Mrs. Vanessa Pena
 - B. Approval of [Minutes](#)
 - 1st motion was made by Mrs. Brenda Lopez
 - 2nd motion was made by Mr. Cuauhtemoc Cedillo
- IV. DELAC Report: Mrs. Norma Torres informed the parents that the District provides free online tutoring for all the BUSD students called PAPER. She provided a brief explanation to the parents about this program. Mrs. Cummings also added that PAPER tutoring was initially offered for grades 4-12 and that now its offered to students from K-3
- V. ELAC Mandated Topics
 - A. ELPAC testing at Pyle
 - Mrs. Cummings informed the parents that EL students will be taking the ELPAC test on March 27 and 28 for grades 3-6, and on April 26 and 27 for grades TK-2.

Mrs. Cummings provided information about the ELPAC testing and the areas assessed (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing). She provided some examples of the tests and how they look so the parents have an idea about ELPAC tests. She also said that links would be provided to parents so EL students can practice before taking the test. She explained that there are some criteria for a student to be reclassified and exit the ELD program. She showed some data with other native languages in Pyle like Tagalog, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Cambodian, and Spanish being the highest percentage.

B. EL Goals

Mrs. Cummings shared that Ernie Pyle will provide high-quality instruction for EL students ensuring the acquisition of full proficiency in the English language. EL students are working to improve their skills in the following areas of speaking, writing, listening, and reading. They are learning strategies to improve English language proficiency and meet the standards to express, write, read, and comprehend an academic English language. She shared that the EL student population in Pyle is 16.5%. Mrs. Cummings said that EL students receive 30 minutes of ELD instruction plus ELD support throughout the day. She shared that Pyle reclassified 2 students and is waiting for ELPAC results to possibly reclassify more EL students.

C. Uniform Complaint Procedure

The principal informed the parents of the procedure to follow if parents have a concern or complaint. She said that the school will try to resolve any issues within the school. Parents can talk to the teacher to try to solve the problem. If the teacher can resolve the issue, parents may ask for the Principal's assistance, and if any of these options resolve the situation, then parents may contact the District for further assistance.

D. Recommendations regarding EL for school plan N/A

VI. Other Presentation(s)

Salvador Valencia- Community Resource Center Representative

Mr. Salvador provided information to the parents about the different resources that the Community Resource Center provides. He provided a presentation with all the facilities throughout LA County. He mentioned that they offered diverse programs for all ages, like Zumba for adults, Arts and Crafts for all ages, nutrition classes, Healthy Cooking for ages 5 and up, etc. He said that they can also assist families with Health insurance, Food Banks, and tutoring. Mr. Salvador shared that CRC provides a CPR class in English and Spanish free of charge for ages 14 and up. He gave the parents the new calendar for March activities and invited everyone to visit their local facility. He thanked Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Reyes for the invitation.

VII. Unfinished or New Business

N/A

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Announcements

The Principal informed the parents that the following meeting will be held on Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023 .

Parent Meetings: Mrs. Cummings informed the parents that Latino Family Literacy Project is being provided every Monday from 3-4:30 pm with Ms. Ashton. She also mentioned that Disciplina Positiva would be provided virtually, every Tuesday starting on March 14, 2023, in Spanish -3:00 pm /English -5:00 pm.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.