

San Diego Unified School District  
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2013

Education Center, Room 2011

**Officers Present:** Valentina Hernández, Gabriela Contreras-Misirlioglu, Florentina Martínez, Luz Portillo-Corona, Yazmín Bozín, Olivia Ouchen

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

**Opening and Minutes**

Chairperson Valentina Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m., welcomed everyone, and asked those present to read the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

**Review of February General Meeting**

All officers present responded positively to the Reclassification and Student Connection presentations. They agreed that all parents should be aware of the importance of reclassification for English Learners. They liked that parents have the ability to check student grades and data through Student Connection. Both presenters provided the information in a “parent friendly” manner.

Advice to District: Please continue follow-up on Long-term English Learners. Do not move EIA money into general funds. It is important to keep this money separate to help our English Learners. We should discuss this funding issue further at the next Executive Board meeting.

**Biliteracy Symposium**

Kathy Velasco shared a flyer about the 15th Annual Biliteracy Symposium to celebrate leadership in biliteracy, which will take place on May 23. OLA will pay the registration fee for DELAC board members who wish to attend.

**Written Petition to Change DELAC Bylaws**

We continued with the final proposed change submitted by Valentina. She modified her proposed change to read: *“If an officer is removed by the board, he or she may choose to appeal the decision. This appeal would be brought to the next general meeting for the members present to ratify (approve) or deny the removal by majority vote.”* This proposed change did not pass. The vote was 2 in favor and 3 opposed. We then discussed the proposed change – to add an additional ELAC Liaison for the high school level - submitted by Minerva Espejo. The proposed change did not pass. The vote was 2 in favor and 3 opposed.

### **Debrief of DELAC Presentation at February 12, 2013 Board of Education Meeting**

Everyone agreed that Chairperson Valentina Hernandez did a wonderful job and represented DELAC well by highlighting the Seal of Biliteracy, and advising the Board of Education to restore a full 180-day school year for our students.

It was also brought up that some DELAC board members (Flor, Luz, and Yazmin) were saddened and disappointed by other board members (Gabriela and Olivia) talking after Valentina as part of the DELAC agenda item. They felt those comments did not represent views of the DELAC as a whole, and that they shed a negative light on DELAC in general.

We then discussed a chart of training opportunities that have been provided for, or made available to, DELAC officers this year and how those trainings fit in with the district's Master Plan for English Learners.

### **Quick Announcements**

A question was asked about one of the votes that took place at the January DELAC Executive Board meeting. Due to time constraints, discussion on this matter was tabled until our next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting. An announcement was made about a Parent Advocacy Workshop that was held on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

### **Closure**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.