

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2013

Education Center, Room 2011

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

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

Opening and Minutes

Chairperson Valentina Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., welcomed everyone, and asked those present to read the minutes. The minutes were approved with a minor change in language to clarify the number of votes that were made in favor of a motion and the number of votes made in opposition to the motion.

New Business

Vice Chairperson, Gabriela asked for a point of contact in the district's legal office. She would like to clarify how agendas are set for executive board meetings. It was agreed that if time allowed at the end of the meeting, we would address some of her other concerns.

Review of March General Meeting

All officers present responded positively to the College Knowledge a-g graduation requirements presentation. They found it very informative and interesting. They especially liked the time left at the end for Questions & Answers and thought that parents asked some very thoughtful questions. It was mentioned that they would like to have a time Questions & Answers specifically called out on the agenda.

Advice to District: Please add more college level courses in district high schools. Please consider providing summer school for students who are on track in addition to courses for those who are behind. Please distribute information to parents outlining the differences between the minimum requirements for graduation and the a-g requirements.

DELAC Needs Assessment and Link to Legal Tasks

Nevada Allen reviewed the chart of DELAC's legal requirements accomplished so far this year. We recalled that it was agreed that the "Written Notification to Parents of Initial language Proficiency and Program Placement for Newly Enrolled Students" could be reviewed at a future Executive Board meeting instead of at a general meeting. Therefore there are only two more legal tasks that need to be addressed at general meetings this year (Annual Language Census and Needs Assessment). It was also announced that our new superintendent, Cindy Marten, would like to address DELAC at our next general meeting.

It was therefore agreed that the topics for the May 9 general meeting would be: Annual Language Census, opening of Elections window, and the address by Cindy Marten.

It was also agreed that we would hold an additional Executive Board meeting on Thursday, April 25 from 6:00-8:00pm for the sole purpose of looking at proposed changes to the bylaws. Any such proposed changes must be sent to Debra by Thursday, April 11, 2013.

Governor Brown's Proposed "Local Control Funding Formula"

Debra explained exactly what the governor's proposed changes to categorical funding would mean to English Learners programs by showing a wonderful graphic representation of the different categories. Debra is going to Sacramento next week to lobby for English Learner funding to remain separate. Valentina would like to go on record as our DELAC being officially against the governor's proposal. Debra will carry that message to Sacramento.

Quick Announcements

At 8:04 p.m., members voted to extend the meeting until 8:15 p.m. Gabriela shared some DELAC and ELAC training materials she had received from the San Diego County Office of Education. She would like to have members report back after they attend a conference. Due to time constraints, it was agreed Valentina and Olivia would share about CAFE at our next board meeting. Olivia was disappointed that the Area Superintendent for her school left the district without parents being notified. It should also be noted that another topic tabled until our next regularly scheduled board meeting was the question pertaining to the January Executive Board Vote.

Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.