

San Diego Unified School District
Office of Language Acquisition

DELAC
Minutes of Special Meeting – Bylaws Review

April 25, 2013

Education Center, Room 2039

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

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

Opening

Secretary Florentina Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Parent Leaders' Roles & Responsibilities

All present agreed to change the order of agenda items to allow guest presenters to go first in order to attend other meetings. David Page, former Chairperson of the District Advisory Council (DAC), shared several handouts with state and federal guidelines for English Learners and their parents. He suggested we go through the information and decide what is most important for DELAC to know and understand. Moira Allbritton, Vice Chairperson of the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC), reminded everyone that DELAC is an advisory council to the Board of Education and as such should be a watchdog to ensure that Board Trustees have cultural proficiency. She shared how CAC is run. Amy Redding, Chairperson of the DAC, stressed that staff and parent committees are both here for the students. Parent committees are most effective when they work together with their program office. DAC works with staff from the Accountability Office, while DELAC works with staff from OLA.

Review of Meeting Norms

Mary Waldron gave a quick review of the meeting norms developed in our meeting with Dr. Salazar. She reminded us that each person comes to the committee with her own unique perspective and that being respectful to one another will help us move forward.

Review of Written Petition to Change DELAC Bylaws

1. It was moved and seconded that we include the following authorization paragraph at the end of the bylaws:

CERTIFICATION BY DELAC CHAIRPERSON

The undersigned does hereby certify that:

- 1. I am the duly elected and acting San Diego Unified District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Chairperson; and*
- 2. The foregoing bylaws, comprising of ___ pages, constitute the bylaws of the DELAC as adopted by the DELAC Executive Board by action dated _____, 2013.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as of _____, 2013.

Valentina Hernandez, III., DELAC Chairperson, 2010-2014

_____ Date ___/___/___

Discussion followed. The vote was 6 in favor and 0 against. Motion approved.

2. It was moved and seconded that in Article III – OFFICERS in the Removal of Officers paragraph, we should add a third bullet point to read:

- *Unethical or unprofessional conduct*

Discussion followed. The vote was 6 in favor and 0 against. Motion approved.

3. It was moved and seconded that in Article II – MEMBERSHIP, in the 6th point, final sentence, the wording should be changed from:

DELAC Executive Board members are allowed to finish the term to which they have been elected, even if they no longer are a parent of a currently enrolled EL, RFEP, or IFEP student.

To

DELAC Executive Board members are NOT allowed to finish the term to which they have been elected, ~~even~~ if they no longer are a parent of a currently enrolled EL, RFEP, or IFEP student.

Discussion followed. The vote was 3 in favor and 3 against. Motion failed. The motion was returned to its originator, Valentina Hernandez for modification and a possible re-vote. Her first modification was as follows:

*DELAC Executive Board members are **NOT** allowed to finish the term to which they have been elected, ~~even~~ if they no longer are a parent of a currently enrolled EL, RFEP, or IFEP student. **A PERSON SHOULD NOT RUN FOR OFFICE IF THEY KNOWINGLY KNOW THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE UPCOMING TERM.***

There was no second. Valentina then modified her proposal to read:

*DELAC Executive Board members are **NOT** allowed to finish **their second year if they are no longer a parent or guardian** of a currently enrolled EL, RFEP, or IFEP student.*

It was seconded. Discussion followed. The vote was 3 in favor and 3 against. Motion failed.

4. It was moved and seconded that in Article III – OFFICERS, the following clarifying language be added to the end of the Elections paragraph:

*If more than two persons are nominated for a given officer position, and no person receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, then a “run-off” shall be held between the two persons receiving the most and second most votes on the first ballot **UNTIL ONE RECEIVES THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES.***

Discussion followed. The vote was 6 in favor and 0 against. Motion approved.

Closure

At 8:00 p.m. it was moved and seconded to extend the meeting by 5 minutes. All were in favor. It was agreed upon that we would continue the review of the written petitions to change the bylaws, as time permits, at an Executive Board meeting on Thursday, May 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the Education Center. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

We then sang Las Mañanitas to Valentina and celebrated with birthday cake.