



**DISTRITO ESCOLAR UNIFICADO DE LOS ÁNGELES**  
**Office of Parent Community Services**  
**DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Diana Guillen, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:43 am

**II. Flag Salute**

A member, Rocio Elorza, led the pledge of allegiance. **(English)(Spanish)**

**III. Public Comment**

***(Members of the public were allowed two (2) minutes per speaker to address the membership.)***

William Esquivel Parliamentarian facilitated the Public Comment.

1. Monica Arrazola

**IV. Roll Call/Quorum**

Heidy Galicia, secretary, called the roll and quorum was established with 28 members. An additional 2 members were added, and 3 alternates were added to continue the meeting with a total of 33 members present.

**V. Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2021**

The minutes dated December 2, 2021, were read out loud by the Secretary Heidy Galicia. Mrs. Diana Guillen asked if there was any correction and asked members to make a motion to approve the minutes without corrections. Mrs. Rocio Elorza made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 2 and was seconded by Maria Palencia. There was no discussion. In favor 27, Against 0, Abstentions 0 The motion carried.

**VI. Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Diana Guillen addressed the membership beginning with these words: Loyalty is hard to find, and trust is easy to lose, but actions speak louder than words! With this she highlighted that we as parents it is important that what we say becomes actions and if we only speak, we remain as people who cannot be trusted. And it is important that we as parent representatives of our schools, even if we say we are here only for our children, really is not so when we are on a committee at this level. We represent not only our children, but all the children in our school. She mentioned that something that she personally always likes to emphasize is leadership and that we can find several definitions of leadership on the internet. But what she really thinks is that leadership is the ability to transform a vision into reality. It is something we can achieve, but we must prepare ourselves to be a negotiator of hope and that a leader must have a broad vision and make a context of what is happening around us and, in this way, we can be good leaders and help other parents. She spoke about the policy of who

represents the schools on the committee since the school bylaws stipulate that ELAC chairs are the ones who must represent their schools on the district-level committee and that the policy should be reviewed and when the district makes the decision that anyone can represent the school, authority is taken from the ELAC chairs. She also spoke about the hiring of the superintendent and mentioned that he is from Portugal, bilingual as he speaks Spanish and is a very successful person. With a surprising resumé and he arrived as a migrant to Miami and eventually succeeded as superintendent and made the Miami school system one of the best in the country. LAUSD decided to hire him and as parents we should approach him and express the vision of what we want for our children and ask him for results and that he wants to work with us the parents. She finished her report with a phrase: Freedom without education is always a danger! But education without freedom is useless!

#### **VII. Unfinished Business: Master Plan Advisement Approval**

Mrs. Angie Cardenas explained that there was a meeting where 12 parents attended to develop comments. Some modifications were made to the written comments with the approval of the members present at the previous meeting. Ms. Maria Palencia moved to approve the advice with her amendment and was seconded by Mr. Orlando Rios. There was no discussion. 30 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

#### **VIII. Presentation: Comprehensive Needs Assessments Dr. Jose Posada, Administrator/ Rafael Escamilla, Coordinator, / Ana Montenegro. Specialist - Multicultural and Multilingual Education Department**

Mr. Posada addressed the membership with a greeting wishing for a happy days to come on behalf of the entire team and thanked for the opportunity to allow him to be present. He explained that today's presentation would focus on the comprehensive needs assessment and the process needed to meet the requirements of the comprehensive needs assessment. Ms. Ana Montenegro subsequently greeted the membership and thanked them for the opportunity. She spoke about the purpose of the presentation, which was intended to provide an opportunity to review data about English learners and to provide advisement to increase student success. Data was displayed at the local level for each district. Also, what might the district do to improve English language development and academic achievement of English learner students? She also spoke about the English language proficiency tests in California that we regularly know as ELPAC. Ms. Montenegro showed a video that provided a historical update on the reclassification of English learners at LAUSD. Mr. Posada proceeded to answer some questions that were written in the chat. Mr. Escamilla made a comment and said that when data is analyzed it is very important to see the data of English learners together with the reclassified student data because that is where we can see the strength of our programs for English learners. These children who were reclassified were part of those programs and their achievement if not better than the English-speaking children. For that reason, he asked to focus not only on English learners but also on reclassified learners as well. This presentation would end with brainstorming in groups that was scheduled for a later meeting on December 17 where the respective advice would be created in greater detail with clearer goals and objectives.

#### **IX. Update from Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department**

In the absence of Ms. Lydia, Ms. Montenegro and Mr. Escamilla took the floor. Mr. Escamilla reported that the district was monitored by the California Department of Education on categorical programs including the English Learner program and the audit had two findings at the school-level English

Learner Advisory Committees and also a finding in two schools with a number of children without English language development classes. The California Department of Education asked to resolve these findings. The good news is that they showed that these findings were corrected, and the state has resolved those findings for the district. Ms. Montenegro made an invitation to the second year of the annual International Conference on Student Leadership on January 22 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Workshops will include leadership, socio-emotional learning, self-advocacy, among other topics. Mr. Escamilla finished by mentioning the We are Illuminating Our Limitless World campaign that seeks to increase support for English learners and children who are learning another language but focuses on long-term English learners.

**X. Office of Parent and Community Services Update Introductions - Antonio Plascencia, Director**

Mr. Plascencia wanted to let the membership know that when Ms. Cardenas sent them the documents for the meetings to please attend the forums to learn the relationship of ELAC and the school site council and learn those steps and the importance of developing the agendas in schools. In the report shared by email, it made an invitation for the members to register. Also, during this month of December until February our office reports will let members know what we have done, and what we have collaborated on with the executive board to promote budget information. He mentioned that what will be reviewed in detail is the school directory that is in the "School Directory." He provided it in the chat and explained to the membership how to search for information, how to view the budget page among other important information.

**XI. New business to consider for future meetings**

None.

**XII. Announcements from members and PCS staff**

None.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Meeting officially adjourned at 1:02 pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Heidy Galicia, Secretary**