



Bakersfield City School District
ELAC- ELL Services
Nichols School
English Learners Advisory Committee



Minutes

November 2, 2021

1.0 Opening/Roll call:

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m. via Zoom.

Parents/Staff present:

Georgina Garcia, EL Parent

Blanca Echauri, EL Parent

Mr. Tapia, Principal

Nora Ramirez, Specially Funded Clerk

Guests:

None

2.0 Approval of Minutes

A copy of the October 5, 2021 minutes was distributed 72 hours prior to the meeting for initial review. The minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Tapia moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Echauri seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3.0 Reports

3.1 DELAC Report

Ms. Garcia, DELAC Representative, reported that she attended the meeting and that this was her first time attending a DELAC meeting. She added that the meeting was very interesting. During the meeting they learned about the status of Covid-19 in BCSD, the extra funding received and the plan to use these funds. Ms. Garcia also reported that it was shared with DELAC that there is a student online library, SORA, that offers ebooks and audiobooks for students in TK-8th grade. Parents and students can also find ebooks in Spanish in this library. DELAC members were encouraged by the Superintendent to remain involved in their students' education.

Ms. Echauri, DELAC Alternate Representative, reported that she attended the meeting as well and that this was also her first time attending a DELAC meeting. She agreed with everything Ms. Garcia reported. She added that during the meeting they also discussed the importance of students not only reading but also retaining the information read as this was the key to success.

Mr. Tapia added that during the November DELAC meeting he will be presenting in regards to Nichols School English Learner student population, goals, data, and programs.

3.2 SSC Report

Mr. Tapia reported that during the last SSC meeting the council reviewed, discussed and approved an addendum to reallocated some of our funding due to fiscal revisions and our current needs.

Mr. Tapia added that we are currently waiting for approval from the district to commence small group instruction, small reading groups, tutoring after school, Saturday tutoring, and for our Teacher Tutors to be able to work with small groups as well.

3.3 ATSI Report

Mr. Tapia shared the screen and the committee reviewed and discussed the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Report. The report included the following data; enrollment, attendance, chronic absenteeism, office referrals, and suspensions school wide and for our African American and English Learner student populations.

3.4 School Data Progress Monitoring

Mr. Tapia shared the screen and the committee reviewed and discussed the School Data Progress Monitoring Report. The report included a comparison of the Achieve 3000 Lexile Scores for students in grades 3rd-6th for school years 2019, 2020, and 2021 as of September.

Mr. Tapia reported that the October Reading Challenge was a great success. The goal was for our students to complete 1,500 Accelerated Reader tests between October 1st and October 25th. By October 25th they completed 2,200 tests. Based on this we will be having a November Reading Challenge per classroom. As a motivation those classrooms that meet the goal will be getting hot chocolate with marshmallows.

4.0 Old Business-none

5.0 New Business-none

6.0 Upcoming Events/Announcements

6.1 Next ELAC Meeting 12/7 via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

6.2. Next DELAC Meeting 11/10 via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

6.3 Next SSC Meeting 11/2 via Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

7.0 Public Comments

Ms. Garcia asked if Summer school will be offered to Kinder students. Mr. Tapia reported that as of right now it appears that the program will be offered but the priority will be students in grades 1st-6th grade. So far 8-10 schools have been selected, however, Nichols is not one of the schools. A total of approximately 3,000 students in grades 1st-6th will be invited to participate. Mr. Tapia encouraged parents to register as soon as they received the invitation.

8.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Echauri moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tapia seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55. a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ELAC Secretary

ELAC Chairperson