

WALTER STIERN MIDDLE SCHOOL
English Learners Advisory Committee
Minutes of October 12, 2020

1.0 Opening/Roll Call:

Addonica Stanley opened zoom meeting at 11:30a.m. and called meeting to order at 11:35a.m.

Parents/Staff Present:

Addonica Stanley, Principal
Brandi Hamilton, Academic Program Leader
Karen Atriano, EL Parent
Egypt Rivas, Community Member
Araceli Arce, R-FEP Parent

Parents/Members Absent:

Selene Quezada, EL Parent
Veronica Jimenez, EL Parent

Guests:

Jan Smith, Stiern Staff
Marisol Ante, Stiern Staff
Natalia Coronado, Stern FACE

Quorum Established: Yes

2.0 Approval of Sept. 11, 2020 and Oct. 5, 2020 Minutes:

Minutes of September 11, 2020 were read and reviewed. **Motion was made by Egypt Rivas to accept the Minutes as read, seconded by Araceli Arce. Vote taken by roll call, and passed unanimously.**

Members were advised Spanish translation of the October 5, 2020 Minutes was not yet received. **Motion was made by Egypt Rivas to table reading of the October 5, 2020 Minutes until next meeting and translation received, seconded by Araceli Arce. Vote taken by roll call, and passed unanimously.**

3.0 Reports:

3.1 DELAC Report: Karen Atriano gave verbal report of the September 16, 2020 meeting wherein phases of return to school were set forth. Egypt Rivas also gave verbal report of her take-away from September 16, 2020 meeting as to return to school protocols.

3.2 SSC Report: Brandi Hamilton advised review of officer duties, nomination of officers, and approval of FACE Policy occurred at the Sept. 14, 2020 meeting.

4.0 Old Business:

4.1 Voting in Additional Members: Brandi Hamilton advised we will not be accepting any new members in order to achieve quorum. .

4.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA): Brandi Hamilton reported English Learner student enrollment for the 2019/2020 year was 26.7%, English Proficient at 32.1% and Fluent English Proficient at 17.2%, and reviewed overall language performance for all four levels. 2019 Fall Dashboard Student English Language Acquisition Results were provided.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 2019-2020 SPSA Annual Review: Brandi Hamilton reviewed Designated Languages, explaining the learning going on in each EL class. Language supports were reviewed and Mrs. Hamilton explained not all students could complete testing due to the March Covid school closure. Data from Interim assessment testing at the beginning of school year and before Covid closures showed outcomes as follows: 6th grade increase of 14.8%, 7th grade increase of 1%, and 8th grade increase of 8.8%. We will continue to support and implement strategies and activities. Content is broken down in detail to ensure students understand what is being asked of them. Across all content areas language frames are provided to every teacher and utilized to facilitate student responses both verbally and written. Students are held accountable to responding verbally in complete sentences. Teachers and support staff continue to incorporate Thinking Maps across all content areas as a strategy to organize information for our English Learners while enhancing their understanding of the content. Ellevation is used as a resource to group EL students based on ELPAC data, and determine their specific needs. Strategies component of Ellevation is used to design activities within their lessons that will provide targeted supports and scaffolds for ELs. Reclassified students are monitored closely by ELA teachers through Ellevation.

5.2 Revision of By-Laws: **Motion was made by Karen Atriano to approve the By-Laws as amended, seconded by Egypt Rivas.** Changes to By-Laws were reviewed: elimination of officers, replacing the old non-discrimination clause with the new verbiage provided by BCSD, reducing term of membership to one year, limiting membership to no more than eight, and adding responsibilities of DELAC alternate representative. Addonica Stanley called for vote on **Motion made by Karen Atriano to approve the By-Laws as amended, seconded by Egypt Rivas. Vote taken verbally by roll call, and passed unanimously.**

5.3 Needs Assessment: Members shared there is a need for Professional Development for teachers to support our ELs for Integrated and Designated support. There is a need for classroom libraries for ELD teachers for Guided Reading. Focus on Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking. Continue to utilize Collaborative Conversations. Stimulating environment to engage learning. Possible partitions, classroom aides, tutoring, learning packets and headphones.

5.4 Attendance: Brandi Hamilton advised our attendance average last school year was 95.5%, this year our average is 98.3% overall.

5.5 Election of DELAC alternate: Addonica Stanley called for nominations for DELAC Alternate. Egypt Rivas nominated herself. There being no other nominations **Motion was made by Egypt Rivas to be elected as DELAC Alternate, seconded by Brandi Hamilton, and passed unanimously.**

5.6 Establish ELAC Meeting Dates: It was determined that meetings will be scheduled as needed on the second Monday of the month commencing at 11:30 a.m. via zoom.

6.0 Upcoming Events/Announcements:

6.1 Next SSC this afternoon, October 12 beginning at 2:35 p.m. via zoom.

6.2 Next ELAC meeting will be October 20, 2020 commencing at 11:30 a.m, This meeting is necessary in order to provide input to School Site Council prior to their final meeting to approve the 20-21 School Plan.

7.0 Public Comment: None

8.0 Adjournment: **Motion made by Addonica Stanleyu to adjourn the meeting at 1:08p.m., seconded by Karen Atriano, and passed unanimously.**



ELAC Member

Dated: 10-23-20