

**Nicolas Junior High School**  
**English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2023**

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Principal Jose Varela at 8:34am
2. **Welcome**
  - a. Principal - Jose Varela
  - b. Social Service Assistant - Elsa Garcia
  - c. Everyone present introduced themselves
3. **Review and approve minutes from November 30th meeting**
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Elsa Garcia
  - b. Second motion to approve the minutes by Yadira Martinez
  - c. Minutes approved by everyone
4. **Nicolas updates**
  - a. Principal Varela shared with parents that Nicolas will be hosting the district LCAP Block Party on February 8th. This will give the school an opportunity to show what we have been doing so far and the improvements that have been made. The goal of the block party is for parents throughout the school district to give their feedback on the district's LCAP goals.
  - b. Principal Varela shared that Assistant Principal Ms. Kuuipo Koahou is moving on to another school district and her last day at Nicolas will be today, January 25th. The job posting for a new assistant principal has gone out and interviews will be held on February 9th.
  - c. LCAP survey has been mentioned in the weekly message to parents. Principal Varela stated that it is important to have parent input on what they would like to see being implemented across the district.
  - d. ELPAC testing is going to be starting the week of February 21st. Teachers have already started preparing the students for testing and have been given a presentation on why reclassification is very important.
  - e. Principal Varela shared that homework club is set to start this week. He hopes students will take advantage of this free opportunity. Parent Egleth Nuncci asked if students have to go continuously. Principal Varela answered that students may attend on a needed basis, but it is not mandatory.
5. **Winter iReady Results**
  - a. After running the last iReady diagnostic, there has been a slight improvement in the areas of English and math. In English, scores went from 46% to a 54%. This gives teachers an idea of how students can be helped in certain areas to prepare them for SBAC testing. In math, scores went from 43% to 52%. Last school year, during the last iReady diagnostic students were testing at 38%. Many teachers have helped improve these cores and many interventions that have been put in place have been successful. For second semester, many students were able to exit their RTI class and have been placed in a different elective.
6. **Update on Reclassification of students**
  - a. Principal Varela shared that he wants to have Saturday School workshops to prepare students for ELPAC testing. He shared that we will soon have a parent

information meeting for ELPAC so parents can learn more about the importance of reclassification for their students. Principal Varela also shared that next month we will have a celebration for students who reclassified last year.

**7. New Counselor Update**

- a. Our new counselor, Thomas Torres, is set to start on February 2, 2023.

**8. Future ELAC meetings**

- a. The next ELAC meeting will be on February 22, 2023 at 8:30am in Room 9.

**9. Public Input**

**10. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned by Principal Jose Varela at 9:27am.