

Nicolas Junior High School
English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)
MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2023

- 1. Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Principal Jose Varela at 8:30am
- 2. Welcome**
 - a. Principal - Jose Varela
 - b. Assistant Principal - Maria Garcia
 - c. Social Service Assistant - Elsa Garcia
 - d. Everyone present introduced themselves
- 3. Review and approve minutes from February 22nd 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. Community Center Grand Opening
 - i. The State Superintendent was invited and will attend the Nicolas Community Center Grand Opening on 3/30. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this grand event.
 - b. New Assistant Principal
 - i. Manuel Quezada has started here at Nicolas since March 15th. Mr. Varela stated that Mr. Quezada has many years of experience in education and is looking forward to making a positive impact at Nicolas.
 - c. Elementary School Visits
 - i. Mr. Varela and Ms. Garcia have already gone to visit all the feeder schools during at least one of their parent meetings and introduced themselves to parents that have students who will be attending Nicolas this year. Ms. Garcia has also been assisting all the transition meetings and has had an opportunity to meet these parents.
 - d. ELPAC Testing Update
 - i. Ms. Garcia shared that ELPAC testing has concluded for students. They have concluded all parts of the ELPAC.
 - e. iReady Testing Update
 - i. iReady diagnostic testing has also concluded for all students. Ms. Garcia recommended that parents ask their students to show them how it went to see if progress is being made.
 - f. SBAC Testing Information
 - i. Ms. Garcia shared a tutorial of how parents can encourage their students to practice state testing at home. She showed parents different resources students can use at home to prepare for the state test. Ms. Garcia stated that next year she would like to run parent workshops in preparation for state testing at an earlier date. 8th graders start their state testing on April 24th until May 12th and 7th graders start their state testing on May 1st. Parent Yadira Martinez asked if teachers will be giving out the same amount of homework during state testing weeks. Mr. Varela stated that the

homework that will be given will only help students prepare for state testing. Ms. Garcia shared that it is important for students to be at school on time everyday, and have a nutritious breakfast at home or here at school.

5. Future ELAC meetings

- a. The next ELAC meeting will be on April 26, 2023 at 8:30am in Room 9.

6. Public Input

7. Adjournment

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