

Nicolas Junior High School
English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)
MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2022

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Principal Jose Varela at 8:30am.
2. **ELAC Training**
 - a. Goals of EL Program in FSD
 - i. Getting students reclassified is a goal for the program overall. It's important to reclassify at an early age such as elementary, but even more important at a junior high level. When students get to high school and are not reclassified yet, the test gets even harder and students are not allowed to take wanted electives and instead have to take remediation classes.
 - b. Supports available for students
 - i. Academic Language Development class is taken if students are ELPAC 1, 2, or 3. Principal Varela mentioned that there were extra classes opened for students so they get individualized help to better their chances of becoming reclassified. Parent Angelina Hernandez is glad that they put these classes in place as she is a parent of an English learner and knows they will benefit her students.
 - c. What is ELAC
 - i. The English Learners Advisory Committee is meant for parents to put in input on EL students such as how we can help as a school and how we can spend that specific money to help them get reclassified.
 - d. Explain the responsibilities of being a DELAC Representative
 - i. DELAC reps go to meetings at the District level and vote as needed. They represent Nicolas as a whole. They are also the ones who inform the ELAC members about what is going on at the district level and how it can affect our students.
3. **Review *Master Plan for English Learners* – Programs and Services to EL Students**
 - a. Principal Varela stated that his goal is to help these students get the help that they need in order to reclassify at this level. Putting interventions in place such as the academic language development class will benefit students. For example, some students need more writing support and some students need more reading support. These groups of students are in classes specified to what they need rather than all being in the same class. Principal Varela states that this will be more beneficial because the teacher will have more time with a small group of students to really focus on their specific intervention. Parent Gabriela Vazquez likes the idea of this because then students are allowed to excel in many areas, and not just one.
4. **Election of Officers to the ELAC and DELAC**
 - a. Egleth Nuncci was nominated as ELAC President and DELAC rep
 - b. Juana Serrato was nominated as ELAC Vicepresident
 - c. Elsa Garcia was nominated to ELAC Secretary
 - d. By a show of hands of members present, everyone compiled and agreed with nominations
 - e. Formal voting will take place on September 28, 2022

5. Future ELAC Meetings

- a. Next ELAC Meeting is September 28, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 9

6. Public Input

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned by Principal Jose Varela at 9:44am.