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ELAC Meeting Minutes

09/11/2020 9:00am- 10:20am

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 am	ELAC purpose and goals for the year, ELAC team members & officials Share meeting times for year
9:30 am	ELPAC Presentation & Updates (Spanish/English)
10:00 am	School / District updates
10:10 am	Questions, comments: 3 min max per person
10:20 am	Adjournment

Introductions, list of contacts

Note taker - maybe take turns

Meeting times approved

ELPAC

normally testing would have started already, but this year it is later

Video summary about what ELPAC is;

link to video in English:

<https://www.elpac.org/resources/videos/archived-training-intro-to-initial-elpac-english/>

link to video in Spanish:

<https://www.elpac.org/resources/videos/archived-training-intro-to-initial-elpac-spanish/>

ELPAC gives us a concrete way to know where our kids are

District doesn't have a time frame for testing yet, waiting for those times to be released; ELD

team at Theuerkauf is preparing for when those dates are set

Link to parent handbook: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/c19/documents/elpac17pgtuspa.pdf>

Questions/comment: (up to 3 min per person)



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Principal Williams started the meeting today, but would like to hand back to Maria

There were internet issues at the beginning.

Discussion of any questions, what would you like to see this year?

Maria: it's hard to be at home

Michelle: we would like to be back at school, we know it is a struggle, we are getting closer as a county, the county recently moved into the "red zone" so we are eligible to begin thinking about moving back into school. It will probably take months. Not everyone will want to bring their kids back into school for hybrid learning. But yes, it is very difficult right now.

Maria: especially for the kindergarteners, it is very difficult for them to concentrate, especially if English isn't their first language; so we are really looking forward to testing

Michelle: teachers are trying to do small group ELD in break out rooms even without testing Any suggestions for doing that better are welcome. Michelle will bring them back to the teachers.

(you can also shares hopes for this year)

Karla: Lunch is the same every day. Is it going to be the same thing every day? The kids don't want it. Is there a way to get more variety.

Michelle: Good point, we will look into that. Also, lunch is free for everyone now. I think there are more families that would like to take part in the lunch, but they aren't coming. How to make sure everyone is getting what they need. Is there a strategy for getting the word out? No one needs to fill out any paperwork.

Karen: is it possible to change the time of the meetings? Morning is difficult. Would Wednesday afternoon work?

Others: but Maria works in afternoons, so that's not an option; Elvira - this time is also difficult for me, our kids are in classes so we have to go back and forth, maybe evening would work? To find a schedule that would work with everyone; after school would allow us to focus more on the kids; for Gatica evenings would be better because she works as well; what about during a dinner or lunch break?; What about later in the morning because kids need the most help right at the start?; For TK the group is divided in 2, so at 11am they switch from with teacher to independent or vice versa.

We will stick with this time for now. We can discuss again later.

One more option: if all members agree, the meetings could be recorded so that people can go back later if they feel like they missed something. It's also possible to record just the audio, if that would help.

Elvira: for interpretation, it works better to all be on the same soundtrack and do the translation in sequence, otherwise we miss a lot going back and forth; that is the format we got to by the end of the meeting

Karla: some ELPAC scores received, happy with the scores

Lisset: Last spring test scores were sent out, Lisset can help with accessing them

Karla: Distance learning is going much better this year compared to the spring. Now they have a schedule. It is easy to see if there's a missing assignment. There is good communication with the teacher. This is more organized and that is helping a lot. Ms. Johnston is the teacher.



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Karen: I think we learned a lot from last year. Similar to figuring out how to make this meeting work remotely. This year is very different for the teachers. Everyone is more comfortable in front of the camera.

Any hopes for connection with PTA? Yes - Christina is hoping to help us all connect because we are all one community. Please consider joining. Membership is \$10, but you can also ask for a sponsorship. Maybe someone from ELAC can attend PTA meetings as a liason? Meetings are in the evening. Maybe Karen?

DELAC meets Sept 14, this Monday. It's open to the public. Usually the board members attend the meeting.

Can we order t-shirts for the kids? In time for Friday distribution day, 9/18. Karen couldn't download the form that was in the Cheetah Chatter. (Need a small.) Maria also tried to go into the page, but couldn't.

All grades are picking up materials on 9/18, noon-5pm. This is different materials from last time. Hoping to have art materials and music materials ready, and maybe headphones. Some grade level specific things.

Meeting ended at 10:26.

Orden del Día, notas, y publicaciones/vídeos:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H4SR5fVfvlzE1iDUHx_TGMaQ0AqepKAogeEXxwIxIHU/edit?usp=sharing