

**District English Learner Advisory Council**  
**March 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes**  
**Rio Seco School (Multipurpose Room)**  
**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Bonner Montler, Coordinator of Assessment and the English Learner Department, called the meeting to order at 9:13a.m. Mr. Montler explained the new location of the DELAC meetings was a result of his allergies and that the January 18th meeting was cancelled because doctors told Mr. Montler not to return to the ERC .The introductions of DELAC co-presidents were made.

**2. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Montler reviewed the DELAC meeting minutes from the November 2, 2012 meeting. After the review of the minutes, it was noted that no revisions were needed to the minutes. The minutes were approved as is.

**3. Welcome Superintendent**

Dr. Cathy Pierce regrettably could not attend because of a prior meeting scheduled downtown.

**3. Motion to Amend Agenda**

Bonner asked to add Alternative Tool for English Learners Development Assessment to agenda. Isabel Cuevas motioned to approve and Eva Gonzalez seconded the motion.

**4. Meredith Riffel – Collaborative Coordinator – Drug Prevention Grant**

Meredith Riffel with Santee Solutions discussed a 5-year grant that would be used to reduce the influences of drugs and alcohol in the Santee community. It would try and reduce access to tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, and heroine. The grant would enable the district to hire cultural brokers. The hope is to hire bilingual people to address the parents of bilingual students. The hope is to empower other parents. The program will help parents communicate with their children and give them effective tools to reduce youth drug use. Ms. Riffel passed out a survey requesting feedback concerning our youth and drugs.

**5. Bonner Montler – Review CELDT Test Results**

Bonner discussed the CELDT tests which are the annual English learner tests. The Santee district met targets for English learner improving and English learner meeting proficiency on the CELDT. Mr. Montler showed the committee CELDT resources on the Santee School District website. He showed reports for 2011-2012 where 52% of students scored Early Advanced or Advanced in the Santee District. Official 2012-2013 results are not available yet.

**6. STAR Testing for 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades,**

The writing portion of the CST for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be Tuesday, March 5. It will be part of their score for the spring CST. He emphasized the importance of a good night sleep and a health breakfast. All students will be tested in English. The directions can be translated, but not the prompt.

**7. Reclassification Criteria**

Bonner explained the board policies for Reclassification of English Learners.

**STEPS**

- 1) Assessment (CELDT)
- 2) Staff collaborates
- 3) Parents confer
- 4) Comparison of CST performance
- 5) Evaluate District Assessment Scores

Third grade is the earliest grade Reclassification can occur. The Reclassification ceremony will be March 21, 2013 at Rio Seco from 6pm – 7pm. 97 students will be honored!

#### **8. English Learner Master Plan**

Mr. Montler informed the committee that Donna Farquar has volunteered to update the Santee School District's Master Plan by improving its looks. It includes such information as Board Members, Programs, Notifications to Parents, Catch-Up Plans, etc. Any changes will be brought to the committee before they are brought to the board.

#### **9. Questions and Concerns**

Elvia Mariscal requested that DELAC participants notify her of any ideas for informational speakers.

#### **10. Free Books**

Elvia Mariscal offered various free books to parents at the end of the meeting.

#### **11. Next DELAC Meeting**

The next DELAC meeting was set for April 19, 2013 at Rio Seco in the multipurpose room from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was officially adjourned by Mr. Montler at 10:32 a.m.