

District English Learner Advisory Council

November 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Education Resource Center

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

1. Breakfast

Bonner Montler provided a variety of breakfast foods available before and during the meeting.

2. Call to Order

Mr. Bonner Montler, coordinator of Assessment and English Learner Department, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

3. Introductions

Bonner Montler introduced himself.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Topics reviewed included the importance of attendance, the consolidated application report, the responsibility of the English Learner department, and nominations for officers. Bonner Montler motioned to add a few things to the agenda regarding the Title III accountability report. Elizabeth Perez moved to approve the motion. Carmen Ortiz seconded the motion.

5. 21st Century Grant

Pam Brasher, Director for Out-of School Time Programs discussed the possibility of a grant that would allow the after school programs to expand. Currently Pride offers the reduced or free after school program for 84 students. If the grant is acquired, Carlton Hills, Pepper Drive, and Chett F. Harrit could start this program next school year for 84 students per school and Pride's enrollment would increase to 104 students. DELAC parents were invited to sign up to be a part in designing the format.

6. Dr. Shaw Retired

Bonner Montler announced that Dr. Shaw retired October 31, 2012 after 3 years as superintendent. The board of education filled his position with Dr. Cathy Pierce who had been the assistant superintendent in Ramona. We welcome her to our district.

7. Title III accountability Report

Bonner Montler explained that federal targets must be met each year for the English Learner department in CELDT and CST test scores to receive Title III federal funding. The Santee district met the targets for AMAO 1 (The percent of EL making annual progress in learning English), AMAO 2 (The percent of EL attaining English proficient level on CELDT), and AMAO 3 (adequate yearly progress for EL on the

CST). Meeting all 3 targets gives the Santee district the freedom to spend the title III funding as it chooses.

8. Catch-Up Plan Review

Bonner Montler explained that the Catch-Up Plan is a monitoring tool that measures results from the CELDT, CST, and district tests. Each grade's Catch-Up Plan has different numbers. Each plan gives the Start Date, Initial Level, and the Current Level. Each year students are expected to move up a level in CELDT and CST. Sample Catch-Up Plans are available to view on the district website.

9. Effective Parent/Teacher Conferences

Bonner Montler discussed conferences which will be the week of December 10 through December 14. Parents have the opportunity to schedule conferences in order to communicate with the teacher. A handout (Colorin Colorado) was distributed offering a checklist to better prepare for the conference. Interpreters are available with advance notification.

10. Master Plan Review

Bonner Montler moved to table the Master Plan Review for the next meeting. Carmen Ortiz motioned to approve and Mae Chappel seconded the motion.

11. Election for DELAC Officers

An election was held for DELAC president. Veronica Estrada and Isabel Cuevas were elected Co-Presidents.

12. Stand Against Bullying

Bob Kull and Meredith Riffel discussed the upcoming Anti-Bullying event to be held on November 7th, at the ERC at 6:00pm. Representatives from the Sherriff's Department, Children's Hospital, and experts on cyber bullying will be there. Community resource organizations such as Boys and Girls Club,, YMCA, and San Diego Youth Services will also be present.

13. Questions/ Concerns

A concern was voiced about a student having no homework. Bonner recommended emailing the teacher to confirm. Some teachers post homework on their websites. If no homework is given, have the student read, anything.

14. Upcoming DELAC Meeting Date

The next DELAC meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2013 from 9:00 to 10:30 at the ERC.

15. Adjournment

The DELAC meeting was officially adjourned at 10:55 by Bonner Montler.