District English Learner Advisory Council

April 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Education Resource Center

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bonner Montler, coordinator of Assessment and English Learner Department, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Bonner Montler welcomed the committee and introduced himself.

3. Reading and Approval of March Minutes

Mr. Bonner Montler reviewed the DELAC meeting minutes from March 1, 2013. No additions or corrections were noted. Lupe Brambila motioned to approve the minutes and Lily Kumke seconded the motion.

4. Out of School Time and Summer Programs

Laura Nunnelly discussed programs outside of school including Project Safe, YALE, and summer programs. Project Safe provides time for a snack, playing, homework help, and other activities such as art and science. She described the YALE program for ages 3-5. She talked about the summer programs offered at Hill Creek and Sycamore Canyon.

5. ELD Instruction & English Learners/Special Education

Bonner Montler explained how the state of California has adopted new Common Core Standards. Beginning in 2015 California will implement the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium. Mr. Montler demonstrated how to access information on the website for the California Department of Education. Items such as grade level markers and other descriptors of the new assessment program could be found there.

Bonner Montler discussed the Santee School District's adaptation of Ventura County's VCCALPS in order to determine reclassification status of English Learner students in specialized educational programs. This would address the reclassification of students who are unable to take the CELDT. The VCCALPS meets criteria 1 on the EL Special Reclassification checklist as an "Objective Assessment Instrument."

6. Momentum Tutoring

Terri Bozhor described the tutoring offered for students grades K – 12, for all subjects, all year round. She distributed handouts containing the prices and programs. A 3-week summer camp will feature Ripley's Believe or Not which students can attend for a half or full day. Employment opportunities are available for high school and college students. Momentum Tutoring is nonprofit with tuition help through the "Pay as You Go" program.

7. Reclassification Ceremony Review

Bonner Montler reviewed the Reclassification Ceremony where 97 students were honored. The ceremony was attended by superintendent Cathy Pierce, board members Ken Fox and Elana Levens-Craig, and Director of Educational Services Stephanie Pierce. Mr. Montler explained that these students will still be monitored for 2 years.

8. 15th Annual Biliteracy Symposium - Honorees

The San Diego County Office of Education will be honoring 2 of Santee's bilingual assistants. Eva Gonzalez from Hill Creek and Lily Kumke from Rio Seco have been selected as honorees as leaders in biliteracy. The ceremony will be held Thursday, May 23 at the La Jolla Marriott Hotel from 4-7pm.

9. Questions and Concerns

Bonner mentioned that the CST will be administered from May 6 to May 17 for grades $2^{nd} - 8^{th}$. He emphasized the importance of attendance, rest, and good nutrition.

10. Upcoming DELAC Meeting Date

The next DELAC meeting will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 from 9- 10:30am at the ERC Board Room.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09am.