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Q3 ELAC MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2023

6:00PM - 7:00PM

*Mrs. Jenna Unis, Principal
Mr. Matthew O'Connell, Vice-Principal
Ms. Wyona Jimenez, EL Specialist
Mrs. Cristina Cifuentes, EL Teacher
Ms. Lisa Romero, EL Paraprofessional*

Welcome *Bienvenido*

-Ms. Jimenez, the EL Program Specialist, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining. She also introduced a special guest, Mrs. Gomez, who was there for the ELAC President nomination. Ms. Jimenez briefly showed the agenda and touched on what was to come in each section. Finally, she thanked parents who were there by stating they were there because their children are very important to them and that this is a forum where parents will be heard and respected. Mrs. Cifuentes, the EL Teacher, translated everything to Spanish. The meeting was recorded.

Everything ELPAC *Todo Sobre ELPAC*

-Ms. Jimenez talked about the 2 very important goals of the EL Program at the Online schools. One is that they will strive to develop the program so that all ELs acquire full proficiency in English and achieve the same rigorous grade-level academic standards as the gen ed population. She tied it all back to the importance of the state ELPAC test. Then she provided updated data about the ELPAC test for the Online schools: At MA, they currently have 56 EL students, 49 of whom have tested, 5 who still need to test, 1 who cannot be reached, and 1 who withdrew. At San Diego Mission Academy, out of 18 EL students total, they have tested 15 of them, 1 who still needs to test, and 2 who withdrew. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

Importance of Attendance *Importancia de la Asistencia*

-Ms. Jimenez explained that the ONLY way attendance is verified at the online schools is by a student SUBMITTING work as opposed to traditional school where a student can have attendance simply by being present in a classroom. She also offered advice as to how parents can be certain their students are submitting work: ask the children, bookmark the webpages and have all passwords to the LMS students are using, ask the teachers in the group chats, and then Ms. Jimenez shared an article titled 20 Ways you can Help Your Children Succeed at School. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

Parent Representation *Representante de los Padres*

-Ms. Jimenez introduced the parent representative. Mrs. Gomez is the mother of a 7th grader. She graciously accepted the nomination and has expressed her desire to support the Committee with all she can do to help the Online schools schools become the best they can be. Mrs. Gomez spoke about her experience at the school with her



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daughter. She shared that she is very grateful for the school because they have embraced her daughter and the child is very successful. She cried while sharing. She also offered some advice for parents. She said parents should talk to their children about their homework and keep in constant communication with the teachers. Then Ms. Jimenez shared the Voting Ballot and Ms. Lisa, the EL Paraprofessional, emailed it out to the entire EL population to vote Mrs. Gomez in. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

EL Teacher Updates *Actualizaciones de la Maestra EL*

-Mrs. Cifuentes gave updates about upcoming changes. She explained that she will be offering synchronous sessions Monday-Thursday.

EL Paraprofessional Updates *Actualizaciones de la Tutora EL*

-Ms. Lisa shared how excited she is this year because her schedule has double with tutoring and she is truly connecting with her students. She also offered her schedule. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

Parent Notifications *Notificaciones a los Padres*

-Ms. Jimenez explained that parents should be notified of all student progress, school events, school data, and any other important meetings all parents should attend. At the same time, they appreciate when parents reply to these messages. She also explained that all notifications are translated into Spanish because the majority of the EL students' home language is Spanish but that she is willing to translate into other languages should parents request it. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

EL Survey Results *Resultados del Cuestionario EL*

-Ms. Jimenez shared 4 questions from the Spring EL Program survey. How many times has Ms. Lisa reached out to support your child in 1 week? This is important because Ms. Lisa texts ALL EL students every week. This is how it works. They take the entire EL population and divide it in 4 groups - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - then Ms. Lisa calls a group of students for each of those days. If Ms. Lisa is absent one of those days, she calls those students on Friday. She explained there are 7 parents who informed them that Ms. Lisa did not reach out in 1 week and that worries them so they would like to know if they have the correct number and email, or is there some other reason why the 7 parents feel that Ms. Lisa has not reached out to their children. They will continue to investigate. But overall, 86% did say that Ms. Lisa reaches out to them in 1 week. Another question was about Reclassification and



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41% informed they did not know what Reclassification was. Ms. Jimenez will be sending out more information related to this so parents can review the importance. The 3rd question was whether or not parents knew how many credits their children still have left to graduate. 67% said they did not know to which Ms. Jimenez said that was unacceptable and she will investigate further as to why. The final question was Who is the EL Paraprofessional? 69% said they did not know. Ms. Jimenez believes that the choice of using the word "paraprofessional" was the reason parents did not know who Ms. Lisa is. They refer to her as the EL tutor, not the EL paraprofessional. Mrs. Cifuentes translated to Spanish.

Updates from Ms. Fisher

-The Lead Counselor gave updates as to school events that will be occurring such as prom, in-person graduation in San Diego and a virtual graduation. She also offered information about a FAFSA event. Mrs. Fisher translated to Spanish.

Questions *Preguntas*