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District English Learners Advisory Committee DELAC/ELAC

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

6:30 PM

Mark West School Library

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/ Welcome/Introductions

Mrs. Valenzuela called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was conducted in Spanish and the para-educators translated for those present who were not Spanish speakers.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of the October 2017 Minutes

The participants were given time to review the October 2017 meeting minutes. Norma Ambrosio made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Veronica Cano. There were no questions or comments about the meeting content, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. New Business

a. Results of Parent Survey on Topics for Presentations

Mrs. Valenzuela reviewed the results of the parent survey taken at the last meeting. Topics of greatest interest were after school programs for students, positive discipline for the home, and school interventions for my student. We will try to provide presentations on some of the desired topics.

b. Discussion about recent fire disaster – status of schools, services to students

Mrs. Valenzuela led a principal and parent discussion about the recent fires and the impact on our schools, students, and families. Parents asked about when Riebli School will open, how students are being supported, where families can get support, and more. The administrative team responded with the reasons that Riebli needed to be closed at this time. Overall, the school remains closed due to concern for the students' health and well-being. Counseling services are being provided for students who are having difficulty coping after the fires. This presentation included a question and answer session for parents.

c. How to Help Children Cope – presented by Yazmin Ruiz, MFT Counselor trainee

One of the school counselor trainees, Yazmin Ruiz, provided a presentation to parents on how to help their children cope with trauma after the fires. She provided information on symptoms to watch for and provided community mental health resources that parents can access for their family members. She also provided information on what parents can do for self-care, in order to reduce the stress and impact the fire has had on their lives as well.

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d. Resources for Families

Various handouts/lists of community resources related to the fire were distributed to parents. These included mental health, food, Local Assistance Center, childcare, and a book created by San Miguel teacher Lisl Christie for children to help them process events surrounding the fire.

e. How does a school handle emergencies/disasters?

Mrs. Valenzuela shared that schools regularly conduct emergency drills at the schools during the year. She and the principals described procedures for a lockdown, school fire, and earthquake. Ms. Dineen spoke about procedures that would be followed in a large scale disaster that required removal of students from campus. Each school has a process for contacting parents if the students need to be evacuated from the campus. Parents were told to make sure they have the most current phone numbers available on their children's emergency cards. There was a question and answer time.

5. Reports and Announcements

- a. Schools
- b. District

- November 10 –No School; Veteran's Day
- November 20-24 – Thanksgiving break
- December 15 – Report Cards go home
- Dec. 25 – Jan. 5 – no school – winter break
- Feb. 6 – DELAC meeting
- Feb. 9 – EL Parent Leadership institute at SCOE

6. Adjourn -

*A parent drawing was held for two gift cards.
The meeting was adjourned.*

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