



Norton Space and Aeronautics Academy

503 E. Central Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408

ELAC MEETING MINUTES/*Minutos de la reunión de ELAC*

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012
Start Time: 8:40 AM
End Time: 10:05 AM
Attendees: See scanned attachment

Outcomes

- ✓ Welcome to our ELAC!
 - Welcome new parents
 - Describe ELAC
- ✓ Mexican Consulate Presentation
- ✓ ELAC new members nominations and elections
- ✓ CELDT update-FEP Classification & Celebration
- ✓ CABE-Funds available for parents to go to CABE Regional Conference in May
- ✓ Plan for next ELAC meeting

Agenda

- Welcome
- Review Minutes from last meeting
- Describe ELAC to new families
- Presentation from the Mexican Consulate
- ELAC new members elections for this school year
- CELDT Update (FEP Recognition)
- Announcement by Inland Empire Children's Health Initiative
- Other Items/Open Discussion
- Plan next meeting
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Welcome

President Rosas began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Review minutes from last meeting

Secretary Mrs. Diana Zarate went over the minutes from the last meeting.

ELAC description for new families

President Rosas described ELAC roles and responsibilities to the parents/community that were in attendance at the meeting. Some of the roles are acting as an advisory committee on behalf of the English Language Learners (ELL) to



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the School Board Council, parent driven committee that recommends ELL materials and use/approval of funds for ELL students and English Language Development (ELD), a committee that provides educational opportunities for the ELL parents to learn about the community, technology, how they can support their child's education, and many more opportunities as identified by the parents attending the meetings request and require.

Mexican Consulate Presentation

President Rosas introduced the representative, Arlahé Galicia (Community Coordinator), from the Mexican Consulate. The purpose for the presentation is to inform parents of the services offered by the consulate to the parents. The office is the Mexican consulate and Mexican nationals can get their Mexican passport at the consulate office. There are 50 consulates in the United States. Normally, there is only one consulate in a country, and for the United States it would be in Washington, DC, however, in the United States there are 50. The majority of the Mexican consulates are in California because we have a lot of Mexican people here (in California). We have a Mexican Consulate office in San Bernardino close to the school. This office is for the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside.

The Mexican Consulate is separated into three major departments, which are: Documentation, Protection, and IME. The Documentation department offers documentation of: photographic identification, personal (datos personales?) facts, and a United States address. The documentation can identify you as a Mexican who lives in the United States. You can gain recognition for local authorizations. You may get a Mexican passport, and will need a passport to go in and out of the United States and Mexico. Mexican nationals can apply for and have dual Mexican and United States citizenship and can apply for Mexican citizenship at the Mexican consulate office. The Mexican Consulate also offers Mobile Consulate services in which they go to remote areas for a week and provide services to the Mexican citizens in that location that do not have a Mexican consulate office nearby. In the documentation department, marriage, death, and births can be registered (if the person was a Mexican citizen. In this department, human rights services are provided to Mexican citizens who are faced with legal, migratory, labor, civil and administrative issues or mistreatment. The Protection Department provided programs to help Mexican citizens. This department can provided a variety of support, whether it is economic, housing, etc. The consulate can act as the bridge of information to help you find the help you may need (economic, protection, food, clothing, and etc. help). This department has an Institute for Mexicans of the Exterior (Instituto de los Mexicanos en Exterior) which offers many resources. In the department Mexican citizens can also transfer legal guardianship of their children to family members or someone else if the parents have to return to Mexico and the parents want the children to stay to continue with their education.

The Mexican Consulate also has monthly informational meeting for the public. The normal operating hours of the San Bernardino Mexican Consulate office is Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. On Mondays and Wednesdays, between 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, a notary service is available and it is first come first served.



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ELAC New Member Nominations and Elections

President Rosas mentioned that new members for ELAC were elected and announced. The names of all members were displayed on chart paper for all meeting attendees to see. All attendees received ballots to nominate and elected a new President, Vice President, and Secretary for ELAC. Attendees submitted ballots and the following elections were executed: President Judy Quintero (15 votes), Vice President Ana Villalpando (9 votes), and Secretary Diana Zarate (13 votes).

CELDT/R-FEP Student and Family Recognitions

Mrs. Rosas briefly stated that CELDT scores have been completed. At this point possible FEP students would need to be verified by teachers and then at the next meeting we can decide if we want to have a celebration for these students and families this school year for being reclassified as English fluent.

Inland Empire Children's Health Initiative

President Rosas introduced the representative, Octenia Reyes. Ms. Reyes explained that through First 5 there is free health insurance available for children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. Ms. Reyes requested that all attendees utilize this free insurance if they can if to let as many other people in the community (family members, friends, acquaintances, etc.) know that this free health insurance is available for children between birth to 5 years. Another area for which Ms. Reyes can provide assistance is with the SB540 – it is for undocumented students to be able to pursue higher education. This is the Dream Act of California and she can help with information for scholarships for students in 11th and 12th grades.

Other Items/ Open Discussion

A parent asked if we can offer ESL classes for parents more than once a week and during a later time for parents that cannot make the morning meetings.

Next Meeting

Due to time constraints, we were unable to discuss next meeting with the group. However, at the request of new President Judy Quinter, Vice President Ana Villalpando, and Secretary Diana Zarate, former President Rosas will meet with the newly elected officers at another time to discuss the next meeting and the roles for which they have been elected to serve on for the ELAC committee.

Meeting concluded at 10:05 AM.