

September 2020 ELAC Meeting Minutes

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Date: 9/23/2020

Time: 6:00-7:00

Location:

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Copies of the agenda were displayed in the PowerPoint. Jessica Merton and Kristin Sullens delivered the presentation. Cristina Castillo translated all discussion points into Spanish for participants.

- Welcome!
 - [Sign-in sheet and parent input distributed through chat](#)
 - Meet the EL Team
- Overview/agenda
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- Attendance- Kristin Sullens
 - Bell schedule
 - Kristin went over the distance learning schedule with parents
 - Kristin discussed advisory - everyday but Monday
 - Importance of attendance
 - Explained that this is how we are connecting with our students virtually
 - Kristin discussed connecting parents with chromebooks if needed
 - We can also provide support and resources to help you access Canvas
- What is ELAC?
 - Jessica and Cristina discussed the purpose of and roles of ELAC on campus
 - School Site Needs Assessment (during middle of year meeting)
 - Review & comment on services provided to students at MBMS
 - Verify School Survey Results
 - ELAC gives suggestions to MBMS on improvements to services, programs, and staffing for ELs.
 - How can we make parents aware of how important regular school attendance is?

Who makes up the ELAC?

- Jessica and Cristina reviewed the roles of ELAC the positions
- Vote for ELAC representatives
 - President/Elect chair
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 - ELAC secretary
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- DELAC representative
 - Parent clarification that meetings will be held virtually
 - Crystal discussed the importance of having a representative from MBMS
- We are waiting for parents to share their interest in taking on a role...they have time to think about it.
- Identification process
 - Jessica discussed the process of ELL identification beginning with the home language survey through the process of the initial ELPAC through process of reclassification
- ELPAC Overview
 - Jessica discussed the initial ELPAC vs the summative assessment given in the spring
 - Jessica discussed the parts of the ELPAC
 - Kristin explained that ELPAC is scored 1-4 and discussed the importance of ELPAC and how that impacts instruction
- Fall 2020 ELPAC changes
 - Jessica discussed the difference of this year's ELPAC, the use of iReady vs. CAASPP
 - Cristina explained the process of notifying parents of reclassification
- Parent questions
 - How will I know if my child is being reclassified?
 - Cristina explained that she would notify them
 - If students are still in the program, how can we help them improve the skills?
 - Jessica explained that support happens in class through the teachers and with IAs supporting some classes
 - Brent talked about how teachers are being very intentional about incorporating speaking opportunities in the virtual classroom
 - How are teachers helping students with writing and vocabulary?
 - How can teachers help my student who doesn't speak English well?
 - Kristin explained teachers are credentialed to provide support
 - How do parents know their Elpac scores?
 - Cristina explained how that works
 - Kristin explained that not all tests were completed due to the pandemic
 - How does iReady work?
 - Kristin explained that there are 2 diagnostic tests
 - Math
 - ELA
 - Kristin explained that it's adaptive and the school is working to figure out how to report those scores to parents
 - When will iReady test results?

- Kristin- Even though we don't have the assessment yet, teachers are already meeting needs with students based on their classroom work and connect online
- Last year, EL students were pulled out of different classes. Will this year be different?
 - Kristin explained that instruction is delivered to all students online at the same time. Students may receive support before the lesson or after the lesson, but they will not be pulled out during the lesson.
- How many tests will there be throughout the year?
 - iReady test- 3 times
 - ELPAC- either will be completed or given again in the spring
- Are there any practice papers?
- Can we send out the resources through email?
 - Email practice test resources out
 - https://www.elpac.org/s/pdf/ELPAC_Grades_6-8_Practice_Test_2018.pdf
- How can I help my daughter with writing issues? Any resources we can share?
 - Jessica to send Daria Gavriushina resources for writing support
 - Brent- we try to expose students to different genres and writing forms . Writing piece is the last part of the language acquisition process. Explained that teachers are looking at content of writing in each class. ELA- grammar. As a parent, look at the feedback the teacher is providing.
- Parents asked about reopening plan.
- Where can we access board meetings?
 - Kristin posted link in chat