



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special DAC/DELAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021

DAC Members Present:

John Valencia, No. Ranchito Elementary
Alejandro Abarca, Rivera Elementary
Diana Lemus, South Ranchito Dual Language
Rosanna Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts
Liliana Blackmon, Rio Vista Elementary
Hector LaFarga, Rivera Middle School
Christine Saavedra, STEAM Academy
Rosalia Luevano, El Rancho High School
Sung Yon Lee, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy

District Personnel:

Gisela Castanon, Director of Elementary Education
Jazmin Chavez-Diaz, Director of Secondary Education
Erin Lopez-Cadena, Coordinator, Categorical Programs
Connie Macias, English Learner District Resource Teacher
Kimmie Sandoval, State and Federal Clerk
Rosaura Elenes, Interpreter
Olga Montano-Briseno, Administrative Secretary

DAC Members Absent:

Selena Mendoza, Birney Tech Academy
Juliana Aguirre, Durfee Elementary
Michael Castaneda, Magee Elementary
Esperanza Salazar, No. Park Academy of the Arts
Lupe Ordonez, Salazar High School

Community Members:

Guests:

Call to Order

Called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mrs. Rosalia Luevano.
Mrs. Rosalia Luevano led the flag salute.

II. Welcome

Mrs. Rosalia Luevano welcomed parents.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Mr. Abarca
Second: Mr. LaFarga
Quorum: Yes

Approval of January 20, 2021 Minutes:
Motion to Approve: Mrs. Cabrera
Second: Mrs. Lemus

Approval of February 24, 2021
Motion to Approve: Mr. Abarca
Second: Ms. Saavedra

III. LCFF/LCAP Update:

On March 25, 2021, there will be a review the LCAP process and annual update.
On April 22, 2021, there will be a meeting to provide input and recommendations for the LCAP.

On May 20, 2021 the LCAP will be presented at the DAC/DELAC meeting.

III: Understanding CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress): Mrs. Tristan, District Resource Teacher presented on the CAASPP to our parents.

- To provide teachers, students, and parents with information about how students are doing in school.
- Helps us identify students who may be struggling
- Helps understand what concepts students are struggling with
- For this school year, obtaining information on student mastery of the standards is VERY important!

Why in High School?

- Provides us information on college readiness
- When given permission, information is sent to colleges and universities to help them determine placement in higher education courses

Who: ELA and Mathematics-Grades 3-8 and High School

Who CAST- Grades 5, 8 and High School.

How?

- On the computer
- Adjusts difficulty
- With various question types
 - Multiple choice
 - Read and respond
 - Drag and drop
 - Constructed response
 - Performance task

When?

- ERUSD window is 3/22 - 5/28
- Each school site determines their window within that
- Your child's teacher will provide you with exact dates

Updates on Testing During School Closure

- California suspended state testing in Spring of 2020
- February 2020 - US Dept. of Education announced that they would not invite requests for blanket waivers of assessments
- February 2020 - California SBOE decides that California will seek waiver to have accountability decoupled from state tests as well as a waiver to suspend CAST Test for this year
- Changes to testing for 2021 -
 - Computer Adaptive Test in ELA and Math reduced by 50%
 - Remote testing is permitted and available for SBAC ELA/Math, CAST, CSA, and ELPAC

How will our Students Test This Year

- All will test on the computer
- Students may test remotely depending on the current school status

- Remote testing system requires that students have their camera on so that teachers may monitor test security
- Teachers will prepare students for remote testing

How to Help Your Child

- Discuss the test with your child
 - Take a practice or training test with your child
 - Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and nutritious breakfast before testing
 - Create a quiet place where your child can take the test.
 - Tell your child to simply try their best
 - Remind your child that it is OK not to know answers to some questions.
 - Remind your child that the test results are only one way to show learning.
- Do not attempt to help your child during the test by clarifying instructions or providing answers to questions

Student Score Repots

- Scores will be reported electronically via the Aeries Parent Portal

Resources for Parents

- [Spring Administration Information for Parents](#)
- *The Parent Guides to the Smarter Balanced Assessments* (in English and Spanish) are posted on the CDE's CAASPP web page, under [Students and Parents](#).
- [Smarter Balanced Practice and Training Tests](#)
- [Starting Smarter](#) website provides many more resources

Comments and Questions from DAC/DELAC Members:

Mrs. Luevano asked if the students testing would have to go through the same process every time they need to log into the computer. Ms. Tristan explained that there would be a video available and sent out to students to support them prior to testing.

Mr. Abarca asked about the Testing Window and when the sites will be testing. Mrs. Tristan explained that the Testing Window would be between March 22 to May 28, 2021.

Mr. Abarca also asked if there is a contingency plan if the district ends up coming back. Mrs. Tristan explained that there would be some school testing in mid-April. In addition, it was shared that Hybrid students will be testing remotely. Ultimately, it was shared that there is a contingency plan.

Mrs. Nava had a comment that students are struggling through Distance Learning and the scores may not be great.

Mrs. Luevano made a comment that children get use to systems fast, she has not found that to be true. She stated that students may struggle, but they follow steps adults have to be patient. Mrs. Tristan shared with everyone that practice, practice is helpful when preparing for testing.

Mrs. Nava also shared that tutoring on Saturdays would be helpful to our students.

Ms. Saavedra commented on the secure link connection and Mrs. Tristan stated that the District Chromebooks have the secure connection.

IV: Other Business:

V: Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment: Mr. Abarca Time: 5:58 p.m.

Second: Ms. Saavedra

Minutes by: Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena