

Nicolas Junior High School
English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC)
MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2022

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Principal Mauricio Gormaz at 8:40am
2. **Review and approve minutes from January 26 meeting**
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Maria Cordoba
 - b. Second motion to approve the minutes by Diana Heredia
 - c. Minutes approved by everyone
3. **ELAC Training**
 - a. Reclassification Rates based on iReady 2
 - i. In order for students to be reclassified, they must achieve a 4 on all parts of ELPAC. Students' iReady scores are also taken into consideration for reclassification. 7th grade students must reach a 609 and 8th grade students must reach a 620 on their iReady scores. If students don't reach these iReady scores, they have more opportunities in January and May. This criteria was determined by DELAC.
 - ii. There are currently 205 EL students at Nicolas and all those students took the ELPAC this year. Students who received a 1 or 2 score on the ELPAC last year were placed in an Academic Language Development elective class in order to receive extra targeted help.
 - b. iReady 3
 - i. Principal would like to roll-out another iReady for students especially for EL students to have another opportunity for reclassification. 19 students met iReady scores in order to reclassify.
 - ii. Parent Maria Hernandez agreed and would appreciate another iReady opportunity.
 - iii. Parent Diana Heredia asked what are some good tips to give to parents to help their students reclassify. Principal Mauricio says language is important even if parents don't speak English. It's still important to motivate students to read and ask them questions so that they are able to practice their language.
4. **Attendance Rates by Period**
 - a. Attendance rates have gotten better, but many absences could be due to COVID and also students have to get into the routine of coming to school everyday. Making sure students are here on time and avoid getting taken out early as much as possible.
 - b. Parent Maria Hernandez worries about attendance rates due to the fact of seeing students outside of school during school hours, she wanted to come and talk to the Principal about it. Principal Gormaz invites all parents to come and talk to him about these situations so that he is able to fix them. He expressed that we've made home visits for students who have been absent for long periods of time.
 - c. Tardies to the first period/homeroom have the most amount of tardies overall. Principal Mauricio continues to encourage students and families the importance of getting to school on time. Throughout school hours, tardies vary and mostly come

from 5th period due to lunch. However, in October students would socialize during the passing period and now students run to class to avoid being late. If students receive 3 or more tardies, they are required to serve detention the following Wednesday. Parents are notified in advance if a student has detention. Principal Gormaz asked what is the best way to reach parents? Parents responded that by phone call is the best way. Principal Gormaz records phone calls and has them programmed to call at 6pm on Sundays.

5. Public Input

6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned by Principal Mauricio Gormaz at 9:40am.