

## ELAC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 29, 2025

**Time:** 12:30pm

### Attendees

**Parents:** Ana Gutierrez, Yolanda Rodriguez, Yesenia Barrera, Imelda Vega, Claudia Angel, Ana Padilla, Yudi Hibbs.

**Staff:** Vice Principal: Alisha Vasché, Counselor: Marybel Reyes, Bilingual Aides: Lety Ochoa and Yaneth Contreras.

### Agenda

1. Balloting discussion
  2. Discussion for cultural day and food tasting
  3. Questions, comments concerns
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#### **1. Welcome & Introduction**

- The meeting began with a warm welcome.
- The discussion included asking if any parents had students going into TK or Kindergarten next year. Parents confirmed they did not have children attending those grades.

#### **2. Ballot Process Discussion**

- Mrs. Reyes presented sample ballots for parents to review.
- It was decided to postpone the ballot discussion until later in the meeting.

#### **3. Cultural Day & Food Tasting**

- A parent inquired whether Cultural Day falls in the same month as before. It was confirmed that it will be during Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Vasché discussed about cultural attire and the possibility of incorporating student dance performances during the event.
  - Parents were interested in students wearing traditional clothing, such as folklorico dresses.
  - A question was raised about boys' cultural attire for events like quinceañeras. Many parents agreed that students are no longer showing interest in wearing traditional cultural attire, even in Mexico.
  - Parents also asked if there are dance classes available at Ripon High, but it was confirmed there are no dance classes at the high school.
- Vasché asked for Feedback from last year's food tasting event:
  - Parents expressed the need for more time in advance to prepare for the food tasting event.
  - It was mentioned that students sometimes wait too long to bring in their contributions, and flyers should be sent home earlier to EL families to ensure better participation.
- Mrs. Reyes mentioned that adding DJ System and Music for Events will be a good Idea. Vice Principal stated will discuss with Jill Mortesen to incorporate into the event.
- A discussion about the Ripon Mariachi Band's involvement:
  - The band had trouble being ready in time for the event due to new members and late preparations.
  - A suggestion was made to consider involving them for a Cinco de Mayo performance instead, giving them more time to practice.

- Vashé will contact Celene, as she works on campus, to discuss what types of performances students are learning that could be incorporated into future events.

#### **5. Clothing Donations**

- Parent shared information about a clothing donation program being run by the local city library, where families can donate gently used or new items.
  - This could potentially help students who may not have access to certain clothing items for events.
- Vashé will speak with McPeak about potential clothing donations and where they might be advertised for students who need them.

#### **6. ELPAC Testing**

- It was briefly mentioned that ELPAC testing will begin soon, and students were reminded to try their best.

#### **7. Ballot Discussion**

- Mrs. Reyes reviewed the classes and pathways needed for next year's ballot process.
  - There was a discussion about plant and soil science courses, which are like vocational arts and can meet educational needs for students interested in these areas.

#### **8. Closing & Next Steps**

- Parents were asked if they had any further questions, comments, or concerns before closing the meeting.
- The group discussed making more changes for next year's events based on feedback.
- Vashé will follow up with updates on clothing donations and library initiatives.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:30pm

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*Minutes prepared by: Yaneth Contreras*