

ELAC Agenda

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
South Sutter, Ocean Grove, Sky Mountain ELAC

Topic: ELAC meeting

Time: February 26, 2019
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1. CALL TO ORDER- Kelly Rydjord, IEM EL Coordinator

2. INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL

● **Attendees:** Veronica Guillen, Maira Cruz

● **School and IEM representation in attendance:** Vaiva, Nancy, Kelly

3. New Business:

- New curriculum for next year? Mango problems. Any new ideas?
 - **“Talkbox”** <https://talkbox.mom/product/spanish-talkboxes/>- possibly use as an OML vendor
 - No ESL now but in development (TalkBox)
 - Veronica- report on **Squiggle Park** : her daughter likes it because it is bright, engaging, they choose their own “monster” and it’s challenging based on which monster they choose. She likes the game based aspect of it. The repetitive nature helps with retaining the information. Requires JavaScript and it may be a problem for some users- may be

frustrating for desktop users. It sometimes stopped her from using it. Veronica even used the help on Squiggle Park and they tried to help but time constraints were in the way. It is pretty complicated to sign in but the help representative helped right away.

- **Mango:** useful for beginners, not necessarily for intermediates. Very effective for beginners, easy to use on the phone. It seems more practical than Rosetta Stone. Mango is more “relevant” right from the start
- Kelly will send out a recap so we can all figure out what we want to spend our funding on next year

- Play/conversation group (Vaiva) updates? Vaiva’s vision is to be able to travel “over the hill” weekly or monthly to meet in person and play board games, conversation groups, parents meeting together
- Community Outreach development - Kelly
 - Share Google Doc with developing plan- share and brainstorm
 - Share on Family Information Nights at South Sutter - Spanish Family Information Night was held Feb. 20th in Sacramento. Russian Family Information Night will be held April 12th at the Antelope branch of the Sacramento Public Library
- EL Club- online... Kelly and Vaiva report on developments - Schoology created: We noted that most of our EL families do not prefer online modalities. We decided not to invest more time into developing online clubs for our EL families at this time. We want to invest more time into face to face interaction opportunities. In person often involves the rest of the family, which is very useful, and this is not possible when we do online- makes them feel more involved and included. “Incidental learning” is happening
- Translation/Interpretation online on-demand (Kelly)- report on progress- both Veronica and Mayra echoed and were very much in support of being offered the option of having meetings in their native language
- While they are at testing, have the interpreter there for ELPAC testing. Nancy recommends having the interpreter there since so many parents are gathered there
- Membership! - ideas on increasing membership - Kelly to send flyer to Nancy and Vaiva, who will distribute it at upcoming ELPAC testing sites
- ELAC election needed - by end of year

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