

ELAC Meeting Notes -- 3/20/09

Pledge of Alligiance

Meeting called to order at 8:30am

Negar has informed us that she will not be returning as ELAC committee chair in the fall.

Parent of Daniel H. in room 18 – he really likes to help out in the class and at recess. Eve will ask to see what he can do. (Ask student council?)

How can we attract more people to ELAC? Today is Norooz so many Persian parents kept their ids home.

Negar's report from District ELAC meeting

Budget cuts: "don't panic." The president's stimulus package may help.

At next month's ELAC meeting, Jean Brown will have more definitive information.

Most ELAC committees take part in the evaluation of bilingual kids. Should we be doing this?

Kathy Bates presented techniques for teaching kids, including Thinking Maps, role reversal, repeating vocabulary.

Bart Trevino, from the Mayor's office, spoke about the Gang Reduction and Youth Development program.

Handouts/Resources provided : (available in the Parent Center)

LAUSD Single Plan for Student Achievement

Kathy Bates' English Language Development presentation

Gang Prevention Program (Mayor Villaraigosa's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development)

Back in Control Parent Workshops

Diversity

Many thanks to the volunteers who succeeded in producing a memorable Norooz celebration. The kids got to watch an amazing dance and music presentation, then sample Persian food and dance themselves at recess. Thank yous have gone out by email and Backpack news (including photos), and a thank you card was also sent to dancer Banafsheh Sayyad. A full article will be published in the April issue of the Lanai Leader.

We are now getting ready for our next event , the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Parent Workshop on April 30th.

Question from parent:

How do we teach kids about differences without giving away too much detail. For example, what do you say to your elementary school child when he asks why his friend has two moms (or two dads).

Resource available: LGBT resource guide (in room 3)