

ELAC Meeting – Lanai Road Elementary School – 2/20/09

Meeting called to order at 8:30.
Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Bullying Prevention Progress

Many thanks to ELAC committee Chair/parent Negar Gharib and Parent Center Director Eve Hill: Last month's report from Negar regarding Bullying Prevention and Intervention led to the contacting and scheduling of LAUSD Intervention expert Holly Priebe-Diaz, who conducted a staff training Feb 10 and will be presenting 3 separate Student assemblies on Bullying prevention on Monday, Feb 23rd!

Eve also reported that at this week's well-attended PTA meeting, parents were very pleased about the Bullying Prevention assemblies for the kids, and are also quite interested in scheduling and attending a workshop *for Parents* to help them instruct their children appropriately when they experience bullying.

- Eve will ask for administration approval to see if Ms Priebe-Diaz can schedule a Parent workshop on Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

District ELAC Meeting

Negar reports from the general ELAC meeting. There were ELAC elections, and sobering news about the budget. 50% will have to be cut.

Ms. Peralez stressed the importance of conducting meetings in accordance with LAUSD policies.

Norooz Planning

The date for Lanai's Persian New Year celebration is March 13.

1. Morning assembly (15-20 minutes):

Mrs Collier will say a few words about Norooz

2 Lanai parents will perform Persian music at morning assembly. (Maybe their kids can introduce them?) Arrangements are being made to book a dancer for a brief performance as well.

Children will be invited to dance.

2. Snack/Recess

Food tasting and music on the upper yard.

Herbed rice, cookies

A platter of cookies for the staff lounge.

3. To send home with the students:

A Norooz information card, perhaps including a recipe.

TO DO:

Eve:

Arrange for speakers/sound system & two long tables at recess.
Find out process for purchasing Norooz supplies and reimbursement.
Put reminders in Backpack News about Norooz each week until event.

Lili:

Arrange for volunteers (to cook rice, serve food)
Talk to Mrs Collier
Purchase small containers for food samples
Make Haft-sin table
Lili & Eve – make Norooz information card

Other News

> The theme for Open Mic Night at Barnes & Noble March 6th is “Spring” A suggestion was made to create a Norooz banner and Purim Banner to display at the event.

> Intervention starts next week at Lanai. A PACE message was sent home to families last night. Any interested parents can call the office.

ELAC Mailing list

It was decided not to utilize the contact list of ELAC families to “target” emails or informational flyers. There are over 100 names on the list, anyway, so all notices will continue to be school-wide.

Conclusion

ELAC attendees acknowledged that with the proper planning and follow-through, this committee can have a powerful and positive effect on our school. Negar will continue to search for ways to incorporate issues important to Lanai into our ELAC agendas. In addition to a Bullying workshop for parents, autism program support might be another good topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am

minutes submitted by Eve Hill