

McManus Elementary School ELAC Meeting Minutes October 13, 2022

- 1. **Welcome and Introduction** Mr. Weaver, the School Principal welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. He thanked parents, students, and staff for taking the time to attend the meeting and shared what he learned about parent involvement and parent engagement. There was a total of 19 adults which included 4 McManus staff and 15 parents.
- 2. **Purpose of ELAC** The purpose of ELAC was shared with parents as the importance of parents being involved. Encourage all parents to share ideas on how the school can better support their children to become successful.
- 3. **Review of EL Student Achievement Data** Data from the Lexia program were shared with parents of first through fifth grades Emergent Bilingual students. A parent asked where is Lexia being used, at home or school. It was explained that Lexia can be worked on at school and home. The star reading score was also shared with parents. Students' scores were printed and passed to their parents so they could follow as Mr. Weaver explained. He commended students that came with their parents to the meeting for speaking two languages. Ideas on helping students become successful are having them practice their sight words, practice reading at home every night, and be involved.
- 4. **Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Compact** Mr. Weaver went over the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Compact with parents on the view sonic. He emphasizes the importance of being involved in their children's education. One example is attending parent conference, which is coming up soon. He encouraged all parents to share their ideas and suggestions on how to help our students and they can do so by letting him know. Ge, School Targeted Case Manager, and Mrs. Soto, School Counselor are available to help if they need help with interpretation or translation.
- 5. **ELAC Officers for 2022-2023** Mr. Weaver made a proposal to keep our present ELAC Officers for 2 years. The President, Vice-President, DELAC Representative, and Alternate DELAC Representative were present except for the Secretary who could not make it to the meeting. If there is anyone who would like to hold any position, they are encouraged to contact him and we will hold an election at the next meeting. For the current time, everyone agreed to the two-year terms.
- 6. **Announcements** Important dates were shared with parents before the meeting was opened. Attendance was discussed and handouts were shared with parents on the importance of having their children attend school everyone.
- 7. **Questions & Comments** A parent was wondering when she will receive her child's report card. Students' report cards will be given to parents during parent conferences. The Principal asked that parents make time to go and do conferences with their children's teachers. Another question was asked by a parent who shared that young children

learning English are still learning their own native language. They feel pressured and tend to learn slower. She would like to know the data from Rosedale Elementary School to see how their success rate is and compare it to McManus so that we have an idea of how to support our McManus students. To answer that question, the Principal will reach out to the District Office and see what information he can get. Another question from a parent was what are the criteria to get an EL student reclassified from the EL class. Mr. Weaver will research it and share it with parents at the ELAC meeting.

8. **Meeting** adjourned at 6:30 PM.