



CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ELAC MEETING October 15, 2020

8:15-9:00 am on the school blacktop

Topics	Notes
Welcome and Introductions	Time for family members to meet each other and form connections.
Ideal days & times for ELAC meetings	<p>Conversation about potential meeting times. A parent expressed interest in holding ELAC meetings early in the morning (at drop off) or in the evenings.</p> <p>Ms. Jacobson will follow up with a survey for families.</p>
District Letters & ELD	<p>Overview of the placement letters and the process for identifying and reclassifying English Learners.</p> <p>Questions about how ELD (English Language Development) happens at Cumberland - do they go to a special class? during school? after school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ELD primarily happens in the regular classroom through both Integrated and Designated instruction.- Mrs. Gronovius provides small group support for newcomers.- ELD happens during the school day.
Introduction of DELAC & selection of a representative	Katherine & Brayan will represent us at DELAC!!
Open Conversation	<p>Ms. Carlson spoke on the value of supporting the home language. She highlighted the value of using and growing knowledge in the home language, and the value of giving students a break after school by lifting off the pressures of learning English.</p> <p>Ideas were shared on ways to connect over class conversations and school topics, including having conversations in the home language about specific</p>

	<p>topics covered in class. This gives parents a way to assess their student's understanding and opportunities to build knowledge in a particular subject using the home language. (example: talking about community helpers and discovering that your student might not understand a particular job).</p> <p>General questions about Walkathon and afterschool programs were asked and addressed.</p> <p>A parent shared a concern about students not able to see lips when speaking. Staff will look into supporting teachers with the clear window masks.</p> <p>Several questions regarding initial placements and the ELPAC process were asked and answered.</p>
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Attended by: Alexey Vlaskin, Ashok Palanisami, Misol Kim, Gregory Yeudakmenka, David Tung, Nien-Jung, Katherine Panameno, Mina Yu, Myung Joo Kim, Shivali Chauham, Cherkasora Irina, Paul Kim, Marjorie Curty, Irina Rubina, Laurie Carlson (principal), Lindsay Jacobson (assistant principal)