
IUSD District English Learner Advisory Committee 2017-2018

Meeting Information	
Date:	March 1, 2018
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Location:	Irvine Unified School District Board Room 5050 Barranca Parkway Irvine, CA 92604
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Facilitator	Lucinda Mroch - TOSA, Language Development Programs (LDP) Terry Walker - IUSD Superintendent

Members in Attendance	
Kelly Duncan Lucinda Mroch Shelley Waldrup	Rola Murtada Julia Tam Julia Hao Qing He

Minutes:

I. Opening

Meeting opened at 6:33 p.m.. Lucinda welcomed all in attendance. This is a special meeting requested by Superintendent's office to discuss the IUSD electoral process under consideration.

II. Review and approval of agenda

Rola Murtada made a motion to approve the Agenda, and Julia Tam has seconded the motion to approve the Agenda of the meeting.

III. State Board of Education Waiver Presentation

Presentation of Possible Request of the State Board of Education for a Waiver of the Education Code Requirement that the Establishment of Trustee Areas and

Adoption of a By-Trustee Area Election Process be put to vote by electors of the District.

We have to decide if we want to move from an At-Large Election process to a By-Trustee

voting model:

- At-large Election - if board members live within the district, they can run for a board position and are elected by all the voters who reside in the District's boundaries.
- By-Trustee Area Elections - CA Voters' Rights' Act - Candidates must reside in specific "Trustee Areas" within the District's boundaries and are elected only by voters who reside in the same Trustee Areas. Looks at the election of board members by areas, so if you have minority groups in a specific area they could be represented. We do not have specific pockets in this city, but certainly we have 72 languages spoken in the district.
 - We have received a demand letter from an attorney stating that we are in violation and need to switch over to a By-Trustee Area Election. If any group has had a slight majority vote and that candidate did not get elected, then you would be in violation.
 - As soon as we received the demand letter, we needed to go through a process so we are within the timeline. We are going through the same process as every other district in the State of California. We are supporting the process to switch from an At-Large Election process to a By-Trustee Area Election process.
 - The board members that live in a particular area will vote for a specific board member. There are cases that are speculating that this process might be nullified. We have to go through the process and be done within a couple of months. Most school districts do not fight the process because it looks self-serving to the board. Everyone goes in this direction.
 - You have to get a waiver from each stakeholder group.
- We currently have an At-Large Election process and they want us to move to a By-Trustee Area Election process. The legislation has made the At-Large vulnerable to legal attack. The threshold for proving a violation is extremely low. They do not want minority groups to have their influence watered down - less relevant in IUSD. We do not have large pockets of groups. This is where the concern comes from for this act.
- Explains what creates a violation. When we first received the letter, we did not feel we were in violation, but it is something we must consider. We recognize that we need to move in this direction and go through the process on the expedited timeline.
- Three different procedures can be used to change from an at-large trustee area process to a by-trustee area election process:
 - Initiated by petition of the electorate;
 - Initiated by the county committee; and
 - Initiated by resolution of the district. \
- If different stakeholder processes are comfortable, we will address each stakeholder group. In IUSD so far the PTA, CSEA and Administrative Association has said ok.

IV. Establishment of DELAC position regarding the Waiver Request

- The District must consult with bargaining units, advisory councils and committees and obtain their positions on the waiver. We are trying to set up that DELAC will agree to the Waiver so we do not incur unnecessary expenses. Without these waivers, we cannot go through the process at all. This will help us trust the Board of Education to make the decision and avoid spending
- The waiver gets submitted to the State Board of Education - it is a part of the process and the State is putting them on consent, but we need to provide proof that we are reaching out to our community and stakeholder groups.
- You can decide if you are neutral, support or oppose. It is up to you as a group.
- We will have five areas with one Board Member from each area. A topographer will take a look at the areas and look at the pockets of populations. Not supposed to be designed to unseat anyone that is currently holding a Board seat. Board Members get to stay until the end of their term and would then need to move or re-run. Our Board Members are pretty well spread out. This law is to protect voting influence of particular groups.
- We are just in the very beginning of this process, and will begin getting feedback from all stakeholder groups. We have two resolutions that will be submitted at the next board meeting and then we will send to the State of California. When they draft maps we will then look at the sequence of elections. We are asking for input on the criteria of the maps. We will take feedback from the community too. We are here to take feedback from these meetings. Our Board Members always make global decisions that are representative of all students. We have five board members and you need three votes to get things done.
- It is a relatively simple. Do you have any questions or concerns? We appreciate you taking time out of your evening to come to this meeting.
- We are going to decide as a group what we want to do. Do we want to approve the waiver, stay neutral or oppose.
- If you vote to support the waiver, we will nominate one of you to sign our position on the Waiver.
- They want to see that you have reached out to people. We already had an OC Register article, met with our principals, and we are not the first district to go through this process.
- There were no question.
- Raise your hands if you are supporting moving forward with the Waiver Request. It is unanimous that we all support the Waiver Request. Cast DELAC vote in favor of Waiver Request. Julia Tam is signing DELAC's approval to support the Waiver Request.

V. Announcements

Next DELAC Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th at the Learning Center, 3387 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA

VI. Adjournment

Julia Tam moves to adjourn our meeting and Kelly Duncan has seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

