

ELAC Committee Oct. 8, 2025 8:30 am (minutes)

**In attendance:**

Pixie Saldaña - EL coordinator, member  
Kentaro Kawaguchi - parent, member  
Yukari Kawaguchi - parent, member  
Megumi Takeda - parent, guest  
Anat Erez Fellner - parent, guest  
Lili Costa - grandmother, retired EL educator, member  
Daigo Daikoku - parent, member  
Tomoko Hirota - translator, guest  
Megan Helms - administrator, member  
Kristy Mack-Fett - administrator, member

1st meeting of the year. Look at English Language Learner Program at School:

- Attendance is important- currently at 96% very important- use of independent study option for 3 or more days.
- Celebrations

Vote on minutes from May 28, 2025- unanimously approved

Vote for leader

Megan moves to approve Lili Costa for Secretary of ELAC in the 25/26 school year; Kristy seconds; unanimous vote - all approve

Megan moves to approve Kentaro Kawaguchi for President of ELAC in the 25/26 school year; Lili seconds; unanimous vote - all approve

Discuss Celebrations: Latin American Festival- a big success: shout out to Suzanna Coordinator

Community members expressed "I didn't know there were so many Latin Americans at our school"

Upcoming Event- Knight of Bedtime Stories- preparation Japanese community rice donation for riceballs (thank you with pictures, newsletter, cards); Japanese community will sell onigiri and barley tea

How to support an event? Integrate heritage in all languages (read short stories in languages other than English.) - Decision that Japanese story about rice balls will be shared at the 10/23 event- Megumi will read and Daigo will possibly do a picture presentation; Annat will reach out to the Israeli community about reading a book in

Hebrew; Lily will read a traditional bread story in Spanish. Kristy contacted Susannah, Parent Collective head of Celebrations and events to arrange this.

Follow up with old minutes

Parent Survey 21 designated EL students (14 families total) 9 responses- positive remarks

School Tours- want to make Language Translator available - advertise this in the newsletter- flyer. Tours are Wednesday mornings - team decided a couple dates where specific language translation is available (Spanish and Japanese). Flyer to be updated, distributed on website and through community Newsletter.

Japanese: 11/12/2025 and 1/7/2026

Spanish: 1/21/2026, 2/4/2026, 3/4/2026

EL Initial Testing- first 30 days of school, either EL or initial reclassified. ELs go into small group designated instruction time. Progress monitoring for 4 years once reclassified.

Attendance Sheet Attached.

Survey results Attached.