



ASCENCION SOLORSANO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

During the upcoming school year, we will continue to encourage and focus on parent engagement. Research confirms what we all intuitively know – that students have a better chance of being successful when there is a strong partnership between parents and school. We urge parents to stay involved in the progress of their students at school. Some parents may feel that children in middle school are old enough to be independent and do not need adults to hover around them. We have found that students need additional social/emotional support from their families and other adults around them in their adolescent years. We hope you will find it useful and rewarding to get involved and stay involved in your child's school! There are many opportunities for you to show your support and make a difference for the better by participating in Parent Club, ELAC, and School Site Council meetings.

Parent Club

Term: 1 year

Meeting Time: Once a month, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meeting days/times are open for discussion with parent club members.

Parent Positions:

President – Organizes, convenes, and leads meetings, plans fundraisers

Vice President – Assists President; serves in absence of President

Secretary – Records meetings/events

Treasurer – Maintains Parent Club account, prepares budget reports

ELAC

Term: 2 years

Meeting Time: Once a month, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting days/times are open for discussion with ELAC members.

Parent Positions:

President – Organizes, convenes, and leads meetings, plans fundraisers

Vice President – Assists President; serves in absence of President

Secretary – Records meeting/events

DELAC Representative – Attends DELAC meetings at District Office

School Site Council

Term: 2 years

Meeting Time: Once a month, 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Parent Positions:

Chairperson – Organizes, convenes, and leads meetings

Vice-Chairperson – Assists Chairperson, serves in absence of Chair

Secretary – Records meetings/events

Every school district is required to establish and maintain an appropriately configured School Site Council (California Education Code 52852). School Site Councils are required to develop a School Site Plan for Student Achievement. They must approve the plan and recommend it to the local governing board, monitor implementation of the plan and evaluate the results. The configuration of School Site Council is as follows:

Principal

(4) Certificated staff members (teachers)

(1) Classified staff member

(3) parents (including one ELAC representative)

(3) students

As a school community, we need to hear the voice of our parents! Please consider taking a parent position to help support all students at ASMS! Please call the office or email me if you would like to nominate yourself or another person for any of these positions. I'm hoping to get many of our incoming 6th-grade families to participate in Parent Club, ELAC and School Site Council. We can't do this without you! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Hilda Keller, Principal

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