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Los Alisos Middle School  
School Site Council (SSC)  
Title I School-Wide Program (SWP)

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*SSC Meeting Minutes*  
Date: October 29, 2019

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order by Dr. Salehi at 3:10pm**
- II. **Welcome & Introductions:** Majid Salehi, Enrique Gonzales, Carolyn Nord, Liz Pacheco, Kim Tallud, Paula Mayes, Laura Valenzuela, Angelica Cuevas
- III. **Changes/Additions to the Agenda-** Dr. Salehi made an addition to talk about the Master Schedule for 2020-2021.
- IV. **Secretary's Report:**
  - a. Review and approval of minutes- Moved- Kim Tallud, Second- Majid Salehi
  - b. Review and approval of agenda- Moved- Carolyn Nord, Second- Liz Pacheco
- V. **Public Comment/Input-** Angelica Cuevas advised there is no sign to share on Excelsior that it is a school zone. Dr. Salehi shared that we will share with the City of Norwalk and see if they can put a 25 MPH sign and possibly a digital sign to show how fast cars are going.
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business: Legal Requirements:**
  - a. EL Parent Meeting—The Road to Reclassification- Dr. Salehi shared our goal is to have EL students reclassify before they go to high school. The criteria is passing the ELPAC and either iReady or SBAC scores. The district created a form to share with parents to let them know what part of reclassification the student is missing so they can set goals to make it clear for parents and students. Counselors meet with students and parents to review the steps to reclassify and monitor the progress throughout the year. We also continue to monitor the progress of Reclassified students to see if they continue to be successful. If not, we offer students tutoring, Advisory classes and Homework Club to support them. Paula Mayes shared that the parent meeting will be November 5 for both EL and RFEP. Carolyn Nord asked who does the student follow up. Dr. Salehi shared that the counselors do the check up with support from the office in Spanish. Council members had no further questions or input.
  - b. R-FEP Follow-up Monitoring Meetings- These will also be done on November 5 with the LAMS counselors (see above).
  - c. Activities to Build Parent Capacity- Dr. Salehi shared that Laura Valenzuela helps work with the parents and brings them in to volunteer and work in collaboration with teachers and school. He also shared that having parents support the school is an investment in the community. Laura Valenzuela shared that October 17 was the first Dia de los Muertos Festival and was well

attended. We have an 11-week parent classes to discuss mental health and support parents with social emotional issues. We have monthly Coffee with the Counselors which addresses issues such as vaping, education and support for parents throughout the year. Laura shared that Anthony Garcia from the City of Norwalk will be here next month to present information on vaping with Spanish speaking parents. Laura shared we also have around 40 parents who are involved in ELAC meetings monthly. Dr. Salehi shared that we are getting the community involved with the garden and Carolyn Nord shared that a parent volunteered over the summer who was very knowledgeable on gardening and composting. Liz Pacheco shared that the Coffee with the Counselors is hard for some parents to attend because it is during work hours. She recommended we put the presentation online so parents can watch. Dr. Salehi shared we will try another evening parent meeting and also put a video or papers online. Liz Pacheco asked how to better communicate information and disperse fliers to parents since often students don't give the fliers to parents. Enrique Gonzales shared that he has seen schools pass out papers in the car lines and Laura shared that she did for the Fall Festival. Dr. Salehi shared we post it on the website and do dialers as well to inform parents. Enrique shared that since parents have access to Schoology, they can also get messages through it. Council had no other questions or input.

- d. Importance of Attendance- Dr. Salehi shared that if students are not at school they aren't learning. Students with multiple absences must attend the SART meeting. We ask how we can support the family so the students can be here. If the absences still continue, they will be taken to SARB at the district with the District Attorney. We have thought about giving incentives such as popsicles or other treats to homerooms who have perfect attendance. Kim Tallud asked what would happen if they left home early. Dr. Salehi shared that initially we believe it would be best to start with absences. Kim also asked about Saturday School and whether there was much interest from students. Laura Valenzuela shared that we have around 80 students in Saturday School. Dr. Salehi shared that we have classes in art, music, science, and academic tutoring. He also said it is beneficial for parents who work on Saturday as well to have a safe place for students to be. Dr. Salehi stated we can do a dialer and add it to Schoology when we send out the Saturday School letters. Council had no other questions or input.
- e. Master Schedule- Dr. Salehi shared that the Master Schedule for next year is already in the planning process. He has meetings within the next few weeks to review with district officials. Because of declining enrollment, we lost one teacher last year. Dr. Salehi shared that district will give us staffing based on the projected enrollment. We are going to offer Spanish 2 to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who completed Spanish A & B. Students will get high school credit for Spanish 2. If students complete enough credits in Spanish through high school, students will get a biliteracy seal in their diploma. This shows colleges that the students are college and career ready. Laura asked if declining enrollment will affect other staff. Dr. Salehi shared that ultimately it would affect other staff based on a district formula. He shared that is why it is so important that we share and recruit students. We have 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation in November and Open Enrollment December through January. Council had no other questions or input.

#### **VIII. Reports:**

- a. ELAC/DELAC- ELAC representatives advised that we will have a guest speaker for our parents in next ELAC meeting. Council had no other questions or input.
- b. AVID- AVID representatives shared 8<sup>th</sup> grade is going Thursday, October 31 to Cal State LA. Dr. Salehi shared that all grade levels get to go on 2 fieldtrips a year. We have hired 3 new tutors and all will start as soon as their paperwork has cleared. Dr. Salehi shared we also have an additional 15+ Biola students who are doing their fieldwork at Los Alisos. Kim Tallud asked if teachers can borrow AVID tutors, Dr. Salehi shared that we can ask them in their off days to

support teachers. Paula Mayes shared that teacher Melissa Garrido will also do a workshop to support the Biola students interested in AVID. Council had no other questions or input.

- c. Magnet- Magnet representative shared Green Architecture will take a fieldtrip to LYLE Center at Cal Poly to look at some renewable resources and connections to real life. Dr. Salehi shared we are going to host the PLTW coordinators meeting in mid-November. Council had no other questions or input.

**IX. Adjournment is at 4:03pm**

**Next Meeting: November 21, 2019**

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