



Santa Paula High School

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ELAC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24th, 2024

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Santa Paula High School-College and Career Center

I. Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm. The meeting was held in person on the Santa Paula High School campus at the College and Career Center.

II. Parents and Personnel Present

- Daniel Guzman, Marisela Favila, Lucia Zamora, Lena Nash, David Keys, Yolanda Lemus, Guadenero Gonzalez, Guadalupe Madrigal, Carlos J. Madrigal, Javier Magana, Antelmo Magana

III. Guests

- David Keys- Brief Introduction (Translated by Marisela Favila and Daniel Guzman)
- Lena Nash- Presenter (Translated by Marisela Favila and Daniel Guzman)

IV. Changes/Additions to the Meeting Agenda

- N/A

V. Report Minutes

- Briefly discussed previous meeting minutes. Provided parents a copy of the minutes in Spanish and English. Past agendas were reviewed, including discussions on sports and ASB's focus on engagement.

VI. Committee Reports

- N/A

VII. Unfinished Business

- N/A

VIII. New Business

- **Introduction from Dr. Keys**
 - Dr. Keys introduced himself and emphasized that any recommendations from parents are valued and appreciated.
 - Discussion on College Attendance
 - Dr. Keys asked parents if their students would be the first in their family to attend college.
 - Parents responded affirmatively.
 - Dr. Keys assured parents that if their students are the first to attend college, the school will ensure they receive the necessary support to succeed.
 - Sports Program Concerns and Improvements
 - Mr. Javier Magana expressed his hope for positive changes in the sports program, mentioning ongoing problems.
 - Dr. Keys acknowledged the issues and assured that they are being addressed one problem at a time.
 - Mr. Magana commended Dr. Keys for recognizing and working on these changes despite the challenges.
 - Dr. Keys appreciated Mr. Magana's feedback and reiterated that all efforts are made for the benefit of the students.
- **Introduction and Recap:**
 - Mr. Guzman discussed the importance of ELAC, introduced attendees, and reviewed details from previous meetings.
 - This meeting is the last one of the year, and there is no future agenda.
- **Guest Speaker:**
 - Mr. Guzman- Introduced guest speaker, Lena Nash
 - Lena Nash, Activity Director and English 9 Instructor, discussed her roles and responsibilities.
 - ASB (Associated Student Body) is the student government on campus.
 - Students decide how to use funds from the student store or fundraisers, organizing rallies, lunch activities, field trips, and assemblies.
 - ASB manages fundraising for sports and clubs, ensuring only one club/sport fundraisers at a time to avoid competition.

- The student store, managed by ASB students, provides work experience without leaving campus.
- ASB Activities and Updates
 - Review of registration packages given to parents annually.
 - Basic Packages: Discounts on school events.
 - Cardinal Savings: Free entry to sports events, higher cost but more access.
 - Senior Packages: Discounts on senior events, more cost-effective when purchased as a package.
 - A flier will be distributed discussing a 20% discount on professional photographers.
- Registration Packages
 - Packages offered until September 30th, 2024, with a payment plan available until December to ease the financial burden on families.
- Clubs and Extracurricular Activities
 - Mr. Guzman inquired about club options for students not interested in sports or band.
 - Mrs. Nash shared that approximately 15 student-led clubs were mentioned, including FBLA, Key Club, Lions Club, Sespe, and Book Club.
 - Mr. Guzman displayed list of clubs, Mrs. Nash shared other clubs listed on the website and the website displayed room numbers.
 - Mrs. Nash detailed the process for creating a club: requires three members, with sign-up events held in Fall (September) and Spring (February).
 - Club meetings occur after school or during lunch.
- ASB Membership and Election Process
 - Mr. Guzman asked about joining ASB.
 - Mrs. Nash explained that some ASB positions are elected by the student body, while others are filled through an interview process with current ASB members and the instructor. The ASB is limited to 34 students.
- Recognition Ceremonies and Social Media
 - Mr. Guzman shared that ASB assists with campus recognition ceremonies.
 - Dr. Favila shared that the last award assembly recognized 800 students for achievements in attendance, grades, and other categories.
 - Mrs. Nash shared that ASB's social media announces events and will feature a graduation page.
 - Mr. Guzman showed our parents present to the students who are within ASB as well as our two student representatives.

- Mr. Guzman shared that an ASB activity with inflatables, held in August, will be repeated and expanded this year for K-12 families and graduates.
- **Senior Information**
 - Mr. Guzman discussed the increased stress levels for seniors in May due to the need to pass all their classes, complete college applications, prepare for graduation, and attend awards ceremonies.
 - Emphasized the importance of email communication, urging parents to regularly check emails from Santa Paula High School for important updates.
 - Announced that there will be two separate awards ceremonies: One for students obtaining scholarships and another for students who are accepted into the University of California system.
 - Note that only qualifying students will be invited to these ceremonies.
 - Parents are encouraged to stay informed by checking their emails frequently for updates from the school.
- **Summer School Information**
 - Summer school will be structured differently this year:
 - Two sessions: Session 1: June 10th - June 26th
 - Session 2: June 27th - July 12th
 - Each session offers 50 hours of coursework over 10 days, earning 5 credits.
 - Sessions run from 8:30 am to 1:55 pm.
 - Mr. Guzman shared that Quarter 4 progress grades will be sent out; parents should contact counselors if they have concerns about their child's grades.
 - Mr. Guzman and Dr. Favila discussed the importance of email communication for updates on college applications, graduation, and awards ceremonies.
 - Dr. Favila noted the college and career center's efforts in assisting students with financial aid applications.
- **Closing Remarks**
 - Mr. Guzman thanked everyone for their participation and highlighted the importance of parent voices in shaping educational experiences.
 - ELAC themes are selected by participants, and meetings will resume next school year.
 - Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Favila and Ms. Zamora for their assistance in ELAC.

IX. Public Comments

- Mr. Juan Magana encouraged parents to motivate their students to make-up any missed classes.
- Mr. Madrigal asked, What is the discount for the professional photographers?
 - Mrs. Nash responded, 20 % discount.
- Mrs. Madrigal asked, When does the family need to register for the discount?
 - Mrs. Nash responded, prior to graduation.
- Mr. Madrigal asked, Any discounts for graduation at this moment?
 - Mrs. Nash responded, No. Packages are offered until September 30th, 2024, with a payment plan available until December to ease the financial burden on families.
- Mr. Madrigal asked, When do the club meetings happen?
 - Dr. Favila shared after school or lunch time.

X. Evaluation

- N/A

XI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.
- Next ELAC meeting date: Next School Year 2024-2025

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