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ELAC Meeting Minutes

Date: February 13th, 2025

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Santa Paula High School - College and Career Center

I. Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:11 PM. The meeting was held in person at Santa Paula High School, College and Career Center.

II. Parents and Personnel Present

- Marisela Favila, Lucia Zamora, Javier Magana, Araceli Magana, Carlos J. Madrigal, Emily Held

III. Guests

- Lead Security, Shane Norwood (Translation provided by Marisela Favila)

IV. Changes/Additions to the Meeting Agenda

- N/A

V. Report Minutes

- Javier Magana started the meeting and briefly reviewed the previous meeting minutes.
- Parents were provided copies of the minutes and agenda in both Spanish and English.
- Dr. Favila reviewed the minutes with all attendees.
- Motion to approve minutes: First motion by Araceli Magana, seconded by Emily Held.
- Outcome: All in agreement; motion approved.

VI. Committee Reports

- No reports from DLAC.

VII. Unfinished Business

- N/A

VIII. New Business

- Presentation on Safety and Security
 - Mr. Norwood introduced himself, thanking everyone for attending. He shared that he has 25 years of experience in crisis response and student protection.
 - He emphasized that safety starts with engaged parents and introduced the security department's informal mascot as a reminder of their role.
- Campus Security Measures
 - The principal and assistant principals have access to all campus cameras.
 - The security team monitors student activity using an app linked to cameras.
 - The school uses 5-Star, a system that helps track students on campus.
 - Security personnel use iPads to monitor student safety in real time.
- How Parents Can Help Keep Their Students Safe
 - Monitor students' online presence, including social media and messaging apps.
 - Randomly check students' activity to ensure their safety.
 - Educate students on online etiquette and respectful behavior.
 - Recognize mood changes that may signal issues such as bullying or drug use.
- Warning Signs of Potential Violence or Drug Abuse
 - Mr. Norwood shared warning signs and encouraged parents to seek help from school personnel, doctors, or police officers if concerns arise.
 - Open communication and trust are essential.
 - Parents should regularly talk with their children and offer calm support when students confide in them.
- Emergency Procedures for Parents
 - Do not rush to the school unless absolutely necessary.
 - During a lockdown or emergency, the safest place for students is inside the school.
 - Rushing to the school can interfere with emergency response efforts.
 - Trusted sources for emergency updates include:
 - ParentSquare
 - District website
 - Santa Paula High School website
 - Santa Paula Unified School District website
 - Ventura County and Santa Paula Police Department official pages
 - Avoid relying on unofficial social media pages for emergency information.

- Do not contact the school office during an emergency, as this can delay response efforts.

IX. Public Comments

- Javier Magana shared: "It's great to hear about the security measures, including the cameras. It's important to start teaching children about safety from a young age."
 - Mr. Norwood: Agreed with the importance of early safety education.
- Javier Magana asked: "How does the school identify students who are selling or using drugs?"
 - Mr. Norwood responded:
 - Most drug-related activity occurs in the restrooms, where students seek privacy.
 - Security personnel monitor restroom usage, limiting access to three students at a time.
 - If a student is frequently visiting restrooms or carrying large amounts of cash, security investigates and reports concerns to the School Resource Officer (SRO).
- Parent asked: "In other schools, students hide drugs in everyday items. Can parents be educated on this?"
 - Mr. Norwood shared, "I would be happy to return for a future presentation to discuss modern drug concealment methods."
 - Vapes are particularly difficult to detect, as they are disguised as highlighters, USB drives, and other common objects.
 - Mrs. Held added that vapes are being marketed in colorful, youth-friendly designs, making them harder to recognize.
 - Dr. Favila displayed some confiscated items from campus as examples.
- Parent: "Are vapes legal in schools?"
 - Mr. Norwoodc responded:
 - No, but there is currently no statewide law in California regulating their sale to minors.
 - Many students obtain vapes from local stores or older individuals.
 - THC vapes contain much higher potency (up to 95%) compared to traditional marijuana (9-10%), making them highly addictive.
 - Other substances, such as edibles (cookies, chips, candy), are also being used by students.
 - Dr. Favila shares that this is an important topic that we should discuss in a future meeting
- Juan Magana shared:
 - Emphasized the need to share this information with middle school students, as substance use often begins at that stage.

- Recommended expanding drug prevention education to younger students.
- Parent shared: "Could we see more examples of what's being found on campus?"
 - Mr. Norwood shared:
 - "Yes, I can return with additional photos and information. Just let me know what specific topics you'd like covered."
- Attendees suggested a few next meeting topic suggestions:
 - Types of drugs commonly used by students.
 - How students hide drugs in personal items.
 - Photos of modern drug-related items found on campus.

X. Evaluation

- N/A

XI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: First motion by Dr. Favila. Outcome: All in agreement.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.
- Next ELAC meeting date: March 20th, 2025, at 6:00pm.