



El Puente School Site Council

Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 2:15pm

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Room E-7 or eps.is/E7

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20pm by Mr. Atchley.

2.0 Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Jonathan Green (Principal); Mr. Rod Atchley (Teacher); Ms. Cecilia Gomez (Teacher); Ms. Deborah Rocchild (Teacher); Mr. David Gross (Teacher); Ms. Gracie Estrada (Teacher); Ms. Lily Vega (Staff); Ms. Sharron Barajas (Parent); Mr. Richard Haro (parent) and Nathalie Medina.

Absent: Mr. Hector Villalobos (Staff) Rosa Calderon (Student); Pedro Gonzalez (Student); Maria Huerta (Student); Cristal Meza (Student); and Romeo Ruiz (Student).

A quorum was achieved.

3.0 Changes to Agenda

No Changes.

4.0 Reading and Approval of December Minutes

January Minutes were previously sent and reviewed by members.

Mr. Gross moved to approve the January Minutes and was seconded by Mr. Green.

The final vote was:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5.0 Public Comment

No public comment.

6.0 Reports

6.1 ELAC Report

Ms. Estrada reported that nine parents attended the February ELAC meeting. Sun Street presented on tobacco, drugs, and alcohol which parents found to be informative as they asked questions. There was also food distribution that was greatly appreciated by the families in attendance.

6.2 Student Report

No student report.

3.3 Parent Report

Ms. Barajas expressed her gratitude—specifically, for providing students with the opportunity to attend The Wiz Play.

6.4 Staff Report

Ms. Gomez reported on the Valentines Day festivities—specifically, how students very much enjoyed the crafts. Mr. Atchely, expressed the nachos for the leadership fundraiser were the tastiest by far this year.

Mr. Gross announced that the Math Steering Committee has now recommended a math textbook from Savvas Learning Company. This will require approval from the Instructional Council, public and Board before the textbook will be adopted as Ms. Gomez disclosed.

Ms. Estrada then announced that students will begin ELPAC testing on February 26th. Mr. Green added El Puente is the school with the most improved ELPAC scores three years in a row thanks to the wonderful EL teachers. Ms. Gomez hypothesized the later testing and longer prepping may play a factor in students' scores. Lastly, Ms. Rocchild stated that students are doing their part to prepare for the ELPAC as well.

6.5 Administration Report

Mr. Green briefly commented on the following:

- Valentine's Day was lovely and fun
- Fewer students attended The Wiz Play than anticipated but it was still an amazing experience
- The Norcal Colleges field trip will be next week
- Enrollment is increasing
- Projects next school year's budget to remain flat or slightly decrease as staffing and expenses may be scrutinized more closely by the district with expected deflation
- Wellness Center should be opening soon
- Boiler expected to be fixed soon
- Security cameras will be installed soon
- Sound system upgrades coming

7.0 New Business

7.1 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

Mr. Green disclosed an additional \$105,000 was allocated to the Categorical Budget. With the additional monies, Mr. Green reviewed the budget to allocate funds for current and anticipated expenditures such as EWAs, books and field trips. After accounting for the above expenditures, approximately \$70,000 are available to be spent before March 15th. As previously discussed, the goal is to zero out funds; hence, Mr. Green opened the floor on suggestions to spend the remaining money.

Mr. Atchley asked if funds can be used to install more outlets as the shortage of power outlets have been an ongoing issue for years. Unfortunately, Mr. Green informed that categorical money cannot be used to install outlets.

Mr. Atchley then suggested a portable lab station for students to use in their science class.

Ms. Gomez and Ms. Rocchild asked if software for students such as Lexia PowerUp can be purchased to assist students struggling with reading. Mr. Green that they obtain quotes sooner than later as software licenses require Board approval.

Ms. Gomez then asked if remaining monies can be used on summer programs for students. Although this is a great suggestion, Mr. Green noted local programs are scarce while far away options do not offer lodging for students.

Mr. Atchley proposed using funds for Performing Arts programs, but as Mr. Green stated, these funds cannot be used for non-core subjects.

Mr. Green then commented that he originally wanted to purchase 15 inch chromebooks, but received negative feedback from the district. Hence, Mr. Green suggested buying fifty tablets and possibly twenty external monitors for hybrid students along with bluetooth wireless headphones.

After the discussion, Mr. Atchley asked if the council needed to approve to allocate funds for current and expected expenditures. Mr. Green replied that approval was needed for the tentative budget allocation, but not for the extra items that can be purchased with the remaining \$70,000 as that will require another budget revision.

The motion to adopt the new budget transfer was approved by Ms. Gomez and seconded by Ms. Barajas (parent).

The final vote was:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

8.0 Announcements

Mr. Green informed Mr. Gross that the District will be purchasing DeltaMath probably for next school year's use.

Since Mr. Green had mentioned possible cuts in staffing, Mr. Green clarified he is not anticipating the District to make staffing cuts for next school year, but rather make small adjustments to small allocations next year.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Green at 2:48pm and seconded by Nathalie (student). Motion was approved with the following vote:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

SSC President: 

Principal: 