



El Puente School Site Council

Thursday, August 24th, 2023 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 2:19pm by Mr. Atchley.

2.0 Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Jonathan Green (Principal); Mr. Rod Atchley (Teacher); Ms. Cecilia Gomez (Teacher); Mr. David Gross (Teacher); Mr. Hector Villalobos (Staff); Ms. Lily Vega (Staff); and Mr. Richard Haro (Parent).

Absent: Deborah Rocchild (Teacher); Pedro Gonzalez (Student); Maria Huerta (Student); Ms. Sharron Barajas (Parent); Estrella Saavedra (Parent); and Cecilia Ruiz (Parent).

3.0 Changes to Agenda

Mr. Green presented two changes to the Agenda. First, Mr. Green proposed to add subtotals for the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), that ensures students meet academic standards set by the State under 7.0 New Business.

Mr. Gross motioned the change to include the Plans for SPSA and was seconded by Mr. Haro. There was no discussion.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Secondly, Mr. Green suggested reviewing the School Site Council Training between 5.0 Public Comment and 6.0 Reports.

Mr. Villalobos raised the motion to discuss the School Site Council Training and was seconded by Ms. Gomez.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.0 Reading and Approval of [May Minutes](#)

Mr. Green motioned to approve the May Minutes and Mr. Haro seconded the motion.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5.0 Public Comment

No public comment.

5.5 Review School Site Training

Mr. Green discussed how Ms. Alma Pio-Garcia, from Special Projects, conducts training when new members are added to the School Site Council. Since this year, the current members in attendance were former Council members, a training will be more abbreviated. However, if new parents were to join as Mr. Atchley voiced, a full training would be held at a later time as Mr. Green assured. Mr. Green further reiterated that the purpose of the School Site Council is to give members a chance to voice their concerns. It is also intended to present and review budget transactions as the budget should be transparent to the public in regards to how money is spent for students.

While on this topic, Mr. Green informed that El Puente has received its preliminary budget and will receive a second in the winter with a final budget allocation in February or March 2024. Furthermore, this year El Puente will be awarded a new grant, the Equity Multiplier under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which is given to schools with high levels of foster, homeless, and economically disadvantaged student populations. Being that this is a new grant, the school will have to wait on guidance and requirements to be set before utilizing this fund. In the meantime, Mr. Green shared a document with staff members to add ideas on how the school might use this money to improve student outcomes.

6.0 Reports

6.1 ELAC Report

Mr. Green shared that the ELAC team has not met as the first ELAC meeting will be held at the beginning of September, with a new member, Ms. Gracie Estrada, the new El Specialist at El Puente.

6.2 Student Report

No student report.

6.3 Parent Report

No parent report.

6.4 Staff Report

Mr. Villalobos shared it has been a busy time, as he is determining which students should be placed on a probationary period to ensure they excel at El Puente. He then added that changes have been made to the Wellness referral to better support students. Ms. Gomez questioned if there is a new Wellness referral form and Mr. Green said the most up to date referral should be on eps.is/wellness.

Mr. Atchley then shared that El Puente started Math meetings to raise math scores and are considering math software such as Freckle.

Lastly, Ms. Gomez announced that the Leadership team will be having ice cream for students next week and plan on hosting lunch board games for students and teachers to get to know each other better.

6.5 Administration Report

Mr. Green began by saying that the Wellness referral process has been working great. As far as the Wellness center itself, Mr. Green had been asking the district for walls to be constructed as currently the Wellness center has cubicles that do not allow for privacy. This has been of concern since students have voiced concerns of not feeling comfortable to open up due to lack of privacy. The District finally approved and with the bid of the construction being less than intended, construction may begin next week or within a month. Though the noise should not be of considerable concern, some employees may be temporarily displaced.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Election of Officers and Results

Mr. Green pulled up School Site Council regulations and according to bylaws, being that elections were held last year, Mr. Green inquired if current members were up for reelection. The council then discussed recruiting one more parent and student. It was then determined that officers are elected each year.

Mr. Green motioned to reelect Ms. Lily as Secretary and was seconded by Mr. Villalobos.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Green then motioned to reelect Ms. Gomez as the Vice President and was seconded by Mr. Gross.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Lastly, Mr. Green motioned to vote for Mr. Atchely to continue another year as President and was seconded by Mr. Haro.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

7.2 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

Mr. Green shared current allocations and expenditures. The largest grant is CSI, with a total expense of \$137,208. Of that the school has spent about \$42,000 with a remaining balance of approximately \$94,000. The majority of this will be spent on field trips, MATH PDSAs and Reading elective.

The next largest grant is Title 1 that is given to schools with high numbers of low-income students. El Puente was allocated about \$63,000. With the majority of this going to collaborations and conferences.

In LCFF, our current balance is \$28,000 but the school should be receiving more. The majority of this fund goes towards materials and supplies, food for field trips, and HiSET testing fees.

Lastly, Mr. Green discussed that with the second budget revisions and LCFF Equity Multiplier, our budget should increase. Mr. Green would like to add more electives, but with limited classroom space that will be a challenge. To conclude, Mr. Green disclosed that this money will not be easy to spend, but last year 97% of the budget was spent. No Budget modifications were made.

7.3 SPSA Revisions

Mr. Green proposed modifying SPSA Title 1 Goals. Mr. Green did a run through of Goals 1-6. In summary, Goal 1 is intended to improve college and career readiness; Goal 2 is for professional development; Goal 3 is for

community culture and outreach; Goal 4 is for English Learners; while Goal 5 is also for college and career readiness; and Goal 6 is for homeless and transition students. For El Puente to effectively use the LCFF Equity Multiplier grant Mr. Green suggested the addition of offering elective classes to Goal 1.

Mr. Villalobos raised the motion to add a subgoal under Goal 1 to expand elective options to students and was seconded by Mr. Haro.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Green further proposed to include a subgoal for learning and enrichment opportunities to Goal 3, so that El Puente may use funding to increase after school activities and opportunities to contract private entities such as Upward Bound.

Mr. Green motioned to add Sub Goal 3: Learning and enrichment opportunities for students and was seconded by Mr. Villalobos.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

8.0 Announcements

No announcements.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Villalobos and seconded by Ms. Gomez at 2:53pm. Motion was approved with the following vote:

Yes: 7
No: 0
Abstain: 0

SSC President: 

Principal: 

