



El Puente School Site Council

Thursday January 19th, 2023 at 2:15pm

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Room E-7

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:17pm by Mr. Atchley.

2.0 Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Jonathan Green (Principal); Ms. Lilita Barrios (Assistant Principal); Mr. Rod Atchley (Teacher/President); Ms. Cecilia Gomez (Teacher); Mr. David Gross (Teacher); Mr. Hector Villalobos (Staff); Lily Vega (Staff); Richard Haro (Parent); Pedro Gonzalez (Student) and Rebeca Contreras (Student).

Absent: Ms. Deborah Rocchild (Teacher); Maria Huerta (Student); Giovanni Barrios (Student); and Amy Cuerno (Student).

A quorum was present.

3.0 Changes to Agenda

Mr. Green proposed moving the Student Report between items 3 and 4. The motion to begin with the Student Report was motioned by Mr. Gross and seconded by Mr. Villalobos.

The final vote was:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.0 Student Report

Mr. Green asked the students how things are going this year and what ideas they have in improving this school year. Rebecca replied that more supervision could fix the current drug concern that students have, especially while using the restroom. Mr. Green reassured Rebeca that this is a concern that can be addressed through the use of drug dogs as well.

On the other hand, Pedro mentioned that the field trips have been great, but providing students with incentives or raffles would be terrific as well.

5.0 Review of Minutes

Mr. Green briefly reviewed the November meeting minutes that were previously shared with committee members. The motion to approve the November minutes was made by Ms. Gomez and seconded by Mr. Haro.

The final vote was:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

6.0 Public Comment

No comment from the public.

7.0 School Safety Plan Review

Ms. Barrios addressed the Comprehensive School Safety Plan that is reviewed and amended each year. Ms. Barrios highlighted that there are plans to improve current site cameras district wide to improve safety. Furthermore, in order to avoid faulty calls to police, it is now recommended to first confirm if an incident is indeed occurring and to notify admin first. Moreover, to further ensure safety the door nearest the Parent section will remain locked during working hours considering that a handful of doors are open throughout the day. Lastly, Ms. Barrios informed that the Covid Monitor positions will be ending this school year, meaning less personnel and supervision during the summer and following school year.

Before approving the Comprehensive School Safety Plan, Mr. Atchley recommended there should be a Safety Subcommittee to thoroughly

review the 300+ handbook. Mr. Green reported there is an SSC authorized Safety subcommittee consisting of Ms. Barrios and Mr. Guthrie who meet once a month noting that most changes consist of updating responsible personnel while the majority of the Safety Plan is set in stone. Mr. Gross did advise that changes be presented to the committee.

Mr. Villalobos also wondered if there is other training available to staff besides Keenan training. Mr. Green responded there are mixed feelings concerning more practical trainings as they may be traumatic to some; hence, such trainings are not mandated. However, Ms. Barrios is requesting additional training since there are plenty of new employees who have joined EPS.

Additionally, Ms. Gomez asked if there is a shorter manual for students in regards to the safety plan, but Mr. Green replied that the Safety Plan is not a guide and students have flip charts available in classrooms on how to proceed in certain situations.

Lastly, with a recent fight that occurred at El Puente, Mr. Atchley asked if there is any training on how to manage physical altercations amongst students. Mr. Green advised current law allows for the use of appropriate force, but that it is best not to intervene for staff safety purposes as there is the possibility of staff getting injured or becoming liable (the use of appropriate force law makes liability questionable).

There were no further discussions. The motion to approve this year's safety report was made by Mr. Gross and seconded by Pedro Gonzalez.

The final vote was:

Yes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

8.0 Reports

8.1 ELAC Report

With the absence of Ms. Rocchild, Mr. Green reported that the next ELAC meeting will be on Wednesday January 25th online. EL testing will also begin with the hopes of reclassifying as many students as possible. Ms. Barrios questioned if there will be a bootcamp outside of class hours and Mr. Green informed that ELPAC prep will occur during class hours, but there is an option for outside of class prep.

Lastly, Mr. Green applauded Ms. Rocchild for doing an outstanding job with ELPAC planning.

8.2 Parent Report

Mr. Haro asked about the LCAP survey results. Mr. Green informed that El Puente tied with North Salinas High for most staff responses received. While the results will not impact this school year's fiscal budget, it will impact next year's budget and the district staff is still reviewing survey results.

8.3 Staff Report

Mr. Villalobos commented that it's been nice offering students extracurricular activities such as field trips. Mr. Villalobos also shared he is excited about the work Ms. Tiscareno is doing and looking forward to career days that will be offered in the coming months.

8.4 Administration Report

Mr. Green shared his excitement about having the office fully staffed, helping students and working together. He is very much pleased with the great things the new PBIS clerk is doing. Mr. Green also hopes to fill current vacancies.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

Mr. Green announced that there might be a meeting before next month's council meeting to move money. Currently, there is still a large balance that needs to be used before the end of the school year.

Mr. Green proposed using money from Title 1 for the purchase of touchscreen chromebooks. Although the district plans to provide students with such devices, Mr. Green is proposing to pay the difference with Title 1 funds to purchase 13 or 15 inch screens that students such as Pedro and Rebeca would prefer. Mr. Green is also opting to purchase better stylus pens.

Mr. Villalobos asked if hotspots could be purchased, but Mr. Green replied such purchase might require the use of a different fund.

As far as the ESSA-CSI fund, Mr. Green is proposing to use such allocation to offer students one to two week Summer Camp opportunities focused on college readiness, STEM, Leadership etc. Pedro and Rebeca both agreed that living in college and getting that experience would be beneficial. However, Ms. Gomez was concerned about the number of students who would actually go to summer camp and it was suggested choosing nearby colleges to ease parent concerns as well.

10.0 Announcements

No announcements were made. Although Mr. Atchley did commend Mr. Alioto and Ms. Robinson for handling a student altercation.

11.0 Adjournment


Motion to adjourn was requested by Mr. Atchley, made by Mr. Gross, and seconded by Rebeca at 3:07pm. Motion was approved by the following vote:

Yes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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