

Total members present: 8
Quorum (50% + 1): yes

El Puente School Site Council Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (Virtual - Google Meet) 2:15 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order by William Wagener at 2:18 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

The following people were present: William Wagener, Chair; Jonathan Green, Principal; Paul Cooper, Vice-Chair; Tammie Wood, Secretary & Parent; David Gross, Teacher; Richard Haro, Parent; Rodney Atchley, Teacher; Cheryl Darlington, Principal's Secretary.

3.0 Changes to Agenda

None

4.0 Reading and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

9/9/2021 Minutes: David Gross made a motion to approve the September 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Rod Atchley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Public Comment

None

6.0 Reports

6.1 Student Report

None

6.2 Parent Report

Tammie Wood reported that she will be the DELAC representative for El Puente. The October meeting was canceled. The next DELAC meeting will be in November.

6.3 Staff Report

The pumpkin painting contest has been very positive. A big thank you to Ceclia Gomez and Jenifer Carr for their involvement with ASB. They will be launching candy gram sales soon. ASB will be having a costume contest on October 29th. There are great gift card prizes for the pumpkin decorating contest as well as the costume contest.

William Wagener stated once again that the intervention specialist is a critical need for El Puente. The school is really hurting without that role being filled. We have not been able to proceed with Student of the Month, PAW Print, PBIS, etc.

William Wagener stated that the MYON reading contest winners were announced on Tuesday. There are three winning students. The top reader read 4,700 minutes. This program has produced great success stories for students that normally do not read.

Paul Cooper has been very happy with the progress of his students this semester. It's been a huge improvement from last semester. There are a few exceptions to the rule; however, those students are in the process of being released and this has not been the norm.

6.5 Administration Report

Principal Green presented enrollment numbers. Current enrollment is at 373 students. 118 are in-person plus 49 students in HiSET. 223 students are participating in distance learning. There is currently a wait list of approximately 46 students for distance learning. Principal Green stated that there are students that are taking priority for enrollment because they have not been in school at all this semester.

Principal Green also discussed staffing concerns. They have hired an Assistant Principal that will be shared with ROP, Mt. Toro, and Carr Lake. His primary role will be to oversee the WASC efforts. He will be on campus at El Puente 2 days a week and will be introduced next week at the Faculty Meeting.

Staffing the Intervention Specialist position has been difficult due to attempting to hire mid-school year, the on-line application process, as well as credential issues. The normal process takes 2-3 weeks, but this has taken longer because of the online application process and credential issues. A formal job offer was presented yesterday. The 2nd Intervention Specialist has been filled as well, but they must back-fill their current position before they can move over to our role. Hopefully, both will be in place by Veteran's Day.

The "Lone Wolf" program for students needing intervention has proven to be beneficial. El Puente has been letting students in more freely than in the past due to COVID; however, we have also taken a harder stance on students that are not performing. We have already begun exiting some students. There are 45 outstanding requests currently being reviewed. The Lone Wolf program is the last intervention step. Once a student gets to this step, they are returned back to their home school (2 have already been sent back to their home school). Unfortunately, there is no truancy process at El Puente. The home school must start that process if they deem necessary.

This year is a WASC and CCE year for El Puente. CCE stands for Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation. This process looks at the school, how it can improve, and what resources can help by using dashboard metrics. If testing scores in Math & English are too low, we will be provided differentiated assistance. Dr. Matt Turkie has been sent to work

with us solely on this project. Dr. Turkie will help with school improvement and conduct empathy interviews (*why are students struggling?*). He will also look at school culture for online kids. Principal Green will be making a presentation at Tuesday's virtual Board Meeting specifically on this process.

There have been 30-40 kids participating in the weekly trivia during virtual announcements. Trivia winners get pizza delivered to them. One of the most recent trivia winners is currently in Turlock. Pizza delivery will be outsourced for this winner. We are also working on a graduate profile piece highlighting early graduates and highlighting other success stories.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Budget Changes/New Allocations

Principal Green presented budget changes. There are only additions, no subtractions at this time. (NOTE: Below line item budget allocations were provided to the group via email on November 4, 2021 in order to vote subsequent to the meeting.)

El Puente School Budget transfers:

Title I was increased by \$8,880.

1100-10 Substitute Teachers increased allocation from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

1100-30 Teacher Salaries - hourly increased allocation from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

3XXX-XX Certificated Benefits increased allocation from \$1,803 to \$2,652 4300-00.

Materials and Supplies increased allocation from \$9,723 to \$13,755.

Title I:PD was allocated \$998 in additional funds.

5200-00 Travel and Conferences increased allocation from \$2,815 to \$3,813.

Title I:Prnt Inv. was increased by \$106.00.

5930-00 Communications – postage increased allocation from \$500 to \$606.

Title I: SES was increased by \$318.

1100-30 Teacher Salaries – Hourly increased allocation from \$2,200 to \$2,463.

3XXX-XX Certificated Benefits increased allocation from \$467 to \$523.

Title III: LEP was increased by \$1,479.

4200-00 Books and Reference Materials increased allocation from \$8,000 to \$9,479.

ESSA CSI was increased by \$166,390.

1100-10 Substitute we put \$7,400 in this category to support paying a substitute(s) to proctor HiSET testing during the day.

1200-30 Certificated Pupil Support Salaries increased allocations from \$2,700 to \$4,700 since the extra work agreements have almost exhausted these funds.

3XXX-XX Certificate Benefits - Statutory increased from \$19,457 to \$21,452. Due to the proposed sub for HiSET & increase in EWA funds for our Counselor and Interventions Specialist.

3XXX-XX Classified Benefits - Statutory increased from \$905 to \$1,583. This is a correction on the excel spreadsheet. (There were no additional monies added to 2200-00 Classified Support Salaries).

4200-00 Books and Reference Materials increased from \$18,725 to \$28,128 with the hopes of expanding the school library and classroom novels, as well as books and supplies for the ELD library.

4300-00 Materials and Supplies increased from \$55,000 to \$99,496.

4400-00 Non Capitalized Equipment over \$500 went from zero dollars now has \$95,000 allocated to it, this was a correction that came through accounting to me.

5200-00 Travel and Conferences had zero dollars and now has \$597. Spent to pay for \$199.00 of registration for three of our online distance teachers to attend California Consortium for Independent Studies - Bootcamp for the Event: Best Practice Webinars.

5800-00 Professional/Consulting Services increased from \$26,500 to \$33,227 to allocate additional funding to Language Line. Some was earmarked for additional MST bus passes should we run low.

5820-00 Operating Expenses - Transportation increased from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for school field trips.

5930-00 Communications - Postage increased by \$2,500 due to the increase in school mailings as a result of more enrollments and disenrollments.

LCFF Supplemental and Concentration was increased by \$2,164.

1100-30 Teacher hourly went from \$7,785 to \$9,785 as \$500 has already been allocated for new teacher support, and teacher HiSET proctoring.

3XXX-XX Certificated Benefits increased to \$2,076.

5800-00 Professional/Consulting Service decreased from \$12,863 to \$10,459. Tammie Wood made a motion (*via email*) to approve the 10/21/2021 budget allocations as discussed in the 10/21 meeting and outlined in the attached document (*also sent via email*). Rod Atchley seconded. The motion passed unanimously via email.

We are looking into paying for programs that will support students outside of the school day. This is in the infant stages. We still need to determine who and where to target; as well as who will be involved in the process.

Whiteboards previously approved have been received. Installation is pending receipt of the stands for them.

Principal Green asked the group what else may need funding. Tammie Wood asked if all of the old ChromeBooks were replaced. Many have been. All new students receive new ChromeBooks. Mr. Cooper stated that many of the classroom sets of ChromeBooks still need to be replaced. Some teachers have none. Next month we can allocate money to this issue.

A potential Thanksgiving Intersession needs to be discussed. It is currently undecided. It was brought up that we need to prep kids that there may be a Thanksgiving Intersession and put feelers out for potential interest. This will be discussed at the next Faculty Meeting.

Mr. Gross asked if classroom furniture can be included in funding. Unfortunately, it cannot be funded with Categorical Funds.

8.0 Announcements

Mr. Wagener reiterated that when the budget allocation email gets sent out, to please reply with Yes, No, or Abstain.

Mr. Cooper suggested using "Talking Points" in order to communicate with parents. It has been very effective. Mr. Gross commented that the Language Line for interpretation has been a great success with communicating with parents.

Our next School Site Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 2:15-3:15 PM.

9.0 Adjournment

Paul Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Gross seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by William Wagener at 3:00 PM.