



## **El Puente School Site Council**

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 2:15pm

Posted March 6th, 2025

Room E-7 or eps.is/E7

### **Minutes**

#### **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. Ernesto Garcia (Principal); Rod Atchley (President), Diana Hagerty (Teacher); Carol Verga (Teacher); Gaciela Estrada (Teacher); Mariella Meza (Staff); Marisol Garcilazo (Staff); Belquis Pineda (Student); Guillermo Perez-Ruiz (student); Marcela Suarez (Parent); and Sharron Barajas (Parent).

Online: Marcela Suarez (Parent) Guillermo Perez-Ruiz (Student) Belquis Pineda (Student).

Absent: Charles White (Teacher); Berenice Cabrera (Staff); Shia Rodriguez (Student) and Ruby Olivares (Student).

A quorum was achieved.

#### **3.0 Changes to Agenda**

Mr. Garcia mentioned that if we can add 8.2 approved budget modifications and second released information.

Ms. Meza motion to approve 8.2 approved budget modifications.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0

#### **4.0 Reading and Approval of January Minutes**

January was previously sent and reviewed by members.

Ms. Hagerty moved to approve the January minutes and was seconded by Ms. Verga.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

No Public Comments.

#### **6.0 Review**

No Review

#### **7.0 Reports**

##### **7.1 ELAC Report**

Mrs. Estrada reported for ELAC that only six parents attended the last meeting, as many were too afraid to come due to the situation that is going on. Ms. Flin from United Way presented on the Vita Program, which helps parents file their taxes for free. Parents found the information helpful and took notes. The next ELAC meeting will be on February 26th, featuring a presentation from the Monterey Court Program.

##### **7.2 Student Report**

No Student Report.

##### **7.3 Parent Report**

Ms. Barajas stated that she is happy to have her kids here, and both of them are doing well; she is hoping one of them will graduate.

##### **7.4 Staff Report**

Ms. Estrada mentioned that ELAC testing is happening next week. Currently, students are taking the speaking portion of the test individually, and while it's taking longer than last year, this is a positive sign as they are making the most of the time. Ms. Meza shared that the Wellness Center is very busy, which is a good thing as students are utilizing the resource. She reminded everyone to refer any struggling students to the Wellness Center for support.

## **7.5 Administrative Report**

Mr. Garcia, mentioned that on February 11th, we had the WASC visit our school, and wanted to personally thank Ms. Hagerty for the great job she did in preparing the WASC report. We've been informed that we will be receiving a 3-year accreditation, and the good news has been shared with the entire staff. We are waiting for an official letter from them to finalize the submission.

WASC report stated three areas of improvement to focus on. Secondly, EPS is currently in the process of engaging parents with participation in the "Portrait for a Senior" event. Parents were asked to participate, and Mr. Garcia wanted to thank Mrs. Barajas and Mrs. Suarez for their involvement in WASC and Portrait of a Senior, as they were able to participate for parents on behalf of the visiting team.

Ms. Tiscanero has been organizing financial aid meetings after school and at Starbucks to accommodate students in the financial aid process.

Thank you to Mr. Villalobos for leading several New Student Orientations alongside the counselors.

Looking ahead, we have our Prom scheduled for April 19th at Heirloom Pizza. We're also coordinating a trip to the Princess Project in San Jose for our female students, where they will receive free prom and graduation dresses. Moises Ramirez has been working on this and has arranged transportation with a rented bus. Each young lady will be able to choose two dresses, one for the prom and one for graduation. The project has received generous donations from companies, and we are collaborating with Mount Toro to support this effort. Currently, we have Mr. Villalobos, Ms. Tiscanero, Mr. Ramirez, and Ms. Robinson accompanying our students on the Northern California College Tour.

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 Budget**

Mr. Garcia suggested that we make modifications to the below budgets. He also mentioned that he moved money for three specific categories: EWAs (Educational Work Activities), Staff Professional Development, and Field Trips.

He reallocated funds to ensure proper support for these areas, which are essential for educational and staff growth as well as enriching student experiences through field trips. Please refer to the chart below for a detailed breakdown of the allocation.

## 8.2 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

The following budget modifications were voted on:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
Title I	5200	\$26,185	
Title I	5200	\$1,433	
Title I	5800	\$5,700	
Title I	5800	\$1,658	
Title I	1100		\$7,500
Title I	1200		\$1,000
Title I	2900		\$500
Title I	3xxx		\$1,938
Title I	4200		\$1,900
Title I	4300		\$7,817
Title I	4400		\$4,460
Title I	5820		\$3,200
Title I	5850		\$3,570
Title I: PD	1100	\$4,258	
Title I: PD	3xx	\$971	
Title I: PD	5200		\$5,069
Title I: PI	4300	\$83	
Title I: SES	4300	\$278	
Title III: LEP	1100	\$2,035	
Title III: LEP	5800	\$1,500	
Title III: LEP	5850	\$4,300	
ESSA CSI	1100-10	\$5,900	
ESSA CSI	1100-30	\$16,385	
ESSA CSI	1200-30		\$1,860
ESSA CSI	3xxx	\$5,182	
ESSA CSI	4300		\$30,968

Funding Source	Object	Increase	Decrease
ESSA CSI	5200	\$11,000	
ESSA CSI	5600		\$3,089
ESSA CSI	5800	\$1,800	
ESSA CSI	5820	\$2,100	
ESSA CSI	5850		\$6,900
LCFF	4300	\$7,406	
LCFF	4400		\$4,800
LCFF	5200		\$990
LCFF	5600		\$500
LCFF	5850		\$1,116

Motion was made to approve budget amendments by Ms. Hagerty, seconded by Blequis Pineda.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

### 9.0 Announcement

No Announcement

### 10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

The final vote was:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

SSC President:  \_\_\_\_\_

Principal:  \_\_\_\_\_