



**El Puente School Site Council**  
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 2:15pm  
Posted February 10th, 2026  
Room E-7 or [eps.is/E7](https://eps.is/E7)

**Minutes**

**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: Ernesto Garcia (Principal); Tiffany Ayala (Assistant Principal); Guillermo Arenas (Assistant Principal); Rod Atchley (President); Carol Verga (Teacher); Graciela Estrada (Teacher); Mariella Meza (Staff); Marisol Garcilazo (Staff); Sharron Barajas (Parent); Belquis Pineda (student).

Online: Guillermo Perez-Ruiz (Student)

Absent: Diana Hagerty, (Teacher); Magaret Power (Teacher); Bernice Cabrera Ruiz (Staff); Adriana Morales (Staff).

A quorum was achieved.

**3.0 Changes to Agenda**

No Changes to the Agenda.

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

January minutes were reviewed by members. Ms. Verga moved to approve the January Minutes and was seconded by Ms. Meza.

The final vote was:

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

No Public Comments.

#### **6.0 Safety Plan**

Mr. Arenas presented the Safety Plan. During the slideshow, he reviewed key components including the Big Five Plan, the Communication Plan, the Crisis Response Team, and the district's training and drill procedures. He also discussed policies and procedures related to suspensions and expulsions, as well as bullying and harassment prevention. The link to the full presentation is provided here.

 2025 EPS SAS Safety Presentation

Belquis Pineda moved to approve was seconded by Guillermo Perez-Ruiz. Motion carried.

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **7.0 Reports**

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

Ms. Estrada reported that Six parents attended our January ELAC meeting on January 28th. Ms. Tiscareno conducted a general parent presentation and emphasized CTE/ROP courses, Hartnell Applications and shared information about the upcoming NorCal college visitation field trip. She also told parents about the trip to New York and emphasized the measures we take to keep students safe. Ms. Cabrera, our Community Liaison, was also present and shared upcoming school events including a parent workshop Cara y Corazon that is meant to support parents from a bicultural perspective. Four parents in attendance were interested and signed up to participate.

## **7.2 Student Report**

No Student Report.

## **7.3 Parent Report**

Sharron Barajas shared that the ROP program is going very well. She also shared that she is very pleased with the positive impact El Puente has on students. She expressed that the program does a wonderful job helping students explore new opportunities and experiences, and that it has been very successful for them.

## **7.4 Staff Report**

Ms. Estrada reported that ELPAC testing is underway. Our HiSET students will begin ELPAC testing next week, and our hybrid students will start testing at the beginning of March. Also, Mr. Atchley reported that he will be attending a training on site for professional development.

## **7.5 Administration Report**

Mr. Garcia reported that during the recent intake on Tuesday, 23 new students were enrolled. Eight additional students were accepted but chose to remain at their home schools, which he noted as a positive outcome. He also shared that we have already reached 25 graduates this year, which is an excellent accomplishment. Currently, four staff members are attending the Northern California field trip. At our next meeting, we will present last year's data, which he received last week. Overall, El Puente performed very well. Additionally, we will be offering an extra hour of support with certificated or classified staff for the upcoming event that Berenice will be leading in coordination with the community schools program.

## **8.0 New Business**

### **8.1 Budget**

Mr. Garcia presented Received final categorical budget and the red numbers are where we moved the monies. Please see the below or attached. [Final Categorical Budget](#)

## SUHSD Categorical Budget Development: 2025 - 2026

| El Puente School          |                                              |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Code                      | Classification                               | Title I PONES | C Budget  | Title I Pmt Inv. | C Budget | Title III LEP | C Budget | Title III Imm | C Budget | ESSA CSI  | C Budget  | Concentration | C Budget |
| 0-00                      | Teachers' Salaries                           |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-10                      | Substitute Teachers                          | \$3,000       |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          | \$10,000  | \$20,000  |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Teacher Salaries - Hourly                    | \$5,330       | \$5,330   |                  |          | \$1,223       | \$2,441  |               |          | \$122,829 | \$159,929 |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Certificated Pupil Support Salaries          |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Certificated Pupil Support Salaries - Hourly | \$12,870      | \$12,870  |                  |          |               |          |               |          | \$21,072  | \$16,072  |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Other Certificated Salaries                  |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Other Certificated Salaries - Hourly         |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-60                      | Other Certificated Salaries - Stipend        |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Instructional Aides Salaries                 |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Instructional Aides Salaries - Hourly        |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           | \$4,000       |          |
| 0-00                      | Classified Support Salaries                  |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Clerical & Office Salaries                   |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Clerical & Office Salaries - Hourly          |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-50                      | Clerical & Office Salaries - OT              |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Other Classified Salaries                    |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-30                      | Other Classified Salaries - Hourly           |               |           | \$542            |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-50                      | Other Classified Salaries - OT               |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 2-xx                      | Certificated Benefits - Statutory            | \$4,773       | \$4,098   |                  |          | \$276         | \$550    |               |          | \$34,652  | \$44,131  |               |          |
| 2-xx                      | Certificated Benefits - Health               |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 2-xx                      | Classified Benefits - Statutory              | \$0           |           | \$210            |          |               |          |               |          |           | \$1,457   |               |          |
| 2-xx                      | Classified Benefits - Health                 |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Books and Reference Materials                | \$200         | \$200     |                  |          |               |          | \$125         |          | \$325     | \$325     |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Materials and Supplies                       | \$1,443       | \$1,461   | \$256            | \$1,295  | \$232         | \$232    |               | \$132    | \$93,906  | \$94,113  | \$28,040      | \$28,344 |
| 0-00                      | Noncapitalized Equipment Over \$500          | \$638         | \$638     | \$637            |          |               |          |               |          |           |           | \$2,800       | \$2,804  |
| 0-00                      | Travel and Conferences                       | \$137,884     | \$108,611 |                  |          |               |          |               |          | \$52,000  | \$52,000  | \$300         | \$304    |
| 0-00                      | Dues and Memberships                         |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Rentals, Leases, and Repairs                 |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          | \$23,003  |           |               |          |
| 3-00                      | Transfer of Services - Field Trips           |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           | \$2,000   | \$1,150       | \$854    |
| 0-00                      | Professional Consulting Services             | \$12,970      | \$12,970  |                  |          |               | \$3,220  |               |          | \$37,022  | \$37,022  | \$2,485       | \$2,485  |
| 0-00                      | Operating Expenses - Transportation          |               |           |                  |          | \$3,220       |          |               |          | \$38,000  | \$38,000  |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Operating Expenses - Software License Fees   | \$7,030       |           |                  |          | \$5,647       | \$5,647  |               |          | \$60,967  | \$24,727  |               |          |
| 0-00                      | Communications - Postage                     |               |           |                  |          |               |          |               |          |           |           |               |          |
| Total Encumbered:         |                                              | \$186,138     | \$146,178 | \$1,645          | \$1,295  | \$10,508      | \$6,443  | \$125         | \$132    | \$493,776 | \$493,776 | \$35,075      | \$34,774 |
| Total Allocation:         |                                              | \$146,177     | \$146,177 | \$1,295          | \$1,295  | \$6,442       | \$6,442  | \$132         | \$132    | \$493,776 | \$493,776 | \$34,775      | \$34,775 |
| Total Allocation Balance: |                                              | -\$39,961     | -\$2,650  | -\$345           | -\$345   | -\$4,886      | -\$4,886 | \$0           | \$0      | \$0       | \$0       | -\$300        | -\$300   |

### 8.2 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

Money was moved into Title I (5200) to support travel expenses for educational field trips to Washington, D.C., New York, and Baltimore.

Funds were moved in Title I Parent Involvement to purchase materials and supplies for parent meetings.

Title III LEP funds were reallocated to cover program expenses.

In Title II Immigrant, monies were moved to purchase materials and supplies for students.

In ESSA CSI, monies were reallocated to cover EWAs for teachers and paraeducators, and end of the year expenses.

We reviewed the budget modifications and approved them: motion was made to approve budget amendments by Ms. Verga and second by Ms. Barajas.

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

### **9.0 Announcement**

No announcements were made.

### **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Motion by Ms. Verga.

The final vote was:

Yes: 10

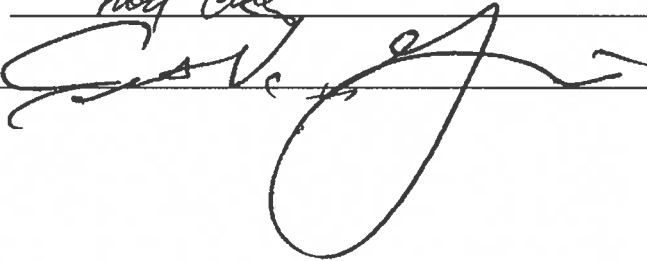
No: 0

Abstain: 0

SSC President:

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Principal:

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