

M-A SITE COUNCIL

11/20/25

3:30 - 5:00 pm

In the Staff Lounge (across from B-10)

MINUTES

A. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Karina Flores, Mark Helfenberger, Tricia Barr (PTA), Elisa Nokedal, Susan Price, Rob Bentley (Foundation), Andrea Valencia (student), Alexa Habibi (student), Karl Losekoot

Members Absent: Fernando Ramirez (ELAC), Susy Dueñas

Guests: None

B. Approve Minutes from [9/25/25](#) and [10/23/25](#)

Motion to Approve Both minutes from: Mark Helfenberger

Seconded by Susan Price

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. REPORTING OUT: Hope for Second Semester/ Individually or group?

Chair: Karina - Working with a freshman caseload, some students are not making good choices (e.g., skipping class). Hoping they come back to a better 2nd semester

Students: Alexa: Hopefully, the homework load gets lighter in the second semester. We are currently working hard to prepare for finals. Andrea: Hoping for a better sleep schedule in the 2nd semester. Currently sleeping about 5 hours. The struggle is stemming from juggling the homework load, sports, dance, (other extracurriculars) and working a job.

Staff: Susan: I hope the district stops issuing new mandates for ILS (new curriculum, ParentSquare, etc.). Elisa: Not sure what to hope for next semester. Mark: Students did well this semester (mostly). Hoping the ones who did not come in fresh next semester.

PTA: Canned food drive is in full swing. Also looking for volunteers to run Grad Night and Understudy Challenge Day. Many events are upcoming leading into the holiday (staff events and CFD distribution day)

Foundation: Goals have all been on target. The group's energy remains high. Looking forward to the auction next semester

ELAC: ABSENT

Principal: I hope for inspirational ideas. Meeting with a staff member to brainstorm class ideas (mariachi band, which already exists in our course catalog). I'm looking forward to setting up

the class so that students can sign up. Met with teachers who are helping students who read below grade level. Hoping for inspirational ideas to help resolve some of their problems.

D. Title 1 Fund Review

Currently, we are allocated \$78,051. We plan to spend \$78,051.09 on an 80% paraprofessional (including benefits)

Motion to approve the use of these funds: Tricia Barr

Seconded by Alexa Habibi

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Cell Phone [Survey Results](#)

- Shared with Staff, SDMSC, if there are other places we should share, offer suggestions
- The survey went to students, staff, and parents
- CA is requiring schools or districts to set a formal cell phone policy. We must also seek formal feedback as part of that process.
- All groups seem to support limiting phone use in some way.
- Alexa: It can be hard to talk to others due to stress or tired.
- The district is taking feedback on current policies from schools in order to establish a district-wide policy

F. [Goal 3 Review](#)

- STAR-VISTA is no longer a program on our campus. We are compensating with other programs, but it is fair to say we have one less mental health counselor on campus
- Working with a suicide prevention group that will be able to push into classrooms next semester to present strategies and services
 - What kind of follow-up? It's mainly to educate students about what is available to them and to encourage them to reach out. We will reach out to students who complete surveys indicating distress or who express distress to staff or peers.
- Running a wellness program with our Staff as well. (A student group is also participating).
- Strategy 5: New freshman electives are going well, plan to continue all of them (and potentially add mariachi next year)
- Can we produce a 1-pager to share with students and parents that showcases all the community services we offer and pair with on campus?
- Dr. Richards' intro to biotech course has been running two years
 - Next year, planning to run a capstone class that partners with Skyline College (leads to a certificate program at Skyline)
- The sports medicine course is also in progress, with two sections. We need to develop another course in order to call it a pathway.
- She is a part-time employee who may not be available for that many sections
- Intro to health careers course, and then a sports medicine.
- Still exploring the entrepreneurship pathway to offer to our EL students (how to run a business)

G. December Meeting: December 4th?

- CA dashboard data is in
- Dec 18th is the last day of school for students
- Possibly make it a shorter meeting?
- 12/4 is a minimum day, making that a challenge for students as well
- 12/4 @ 3:30 PM-4:30 PM is the proposed date:

Motion to approve by Karina, seconded by Elisa

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstain:0

Motion to adjourn by Elisa

Seconded by Karina

Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

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