



El Puente School Site Council

August 20th , 2026 at 2:15pm

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Room E-7 or eps.is/E7

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15pm by Mr. Atchley.

2.0 Roll Call

The following members were present: Rod Atchley (President); Ernesto Garcia (Principal); Bernice Cabrera Ruiz (Staff); Melody Rodriguez (Student); Adriana Morales (Staff); Carol Verga (Teacher); Diana Hagerty, (Teacher); Moises Ramirez Garcia (Staff); Adrienne Kennedy (Parent).

Online: Sharron Barajas (Parent)

Absent: Graciela Estrada (Teacher); Arismel Acosta (Student); Jasmine Arias (Student).

A quorum was achieved.

3.0 Changes to Agenda

No Changes to the Agenda.

4.0 Reading and Approval of [May Minutes](#)

May Minutes were reviewed by members.

Diana Hagerty moved to approve the March Minutes and was seconded by Berenice Cabrera Ruiz.

Unanimously approved.

5.0 Public Comment

No public comments

6.0 Reports

6.1 ELAC Report

No ELAC Report

6.2 Student Report

Melody reported that she has enjoyed recent events like Back to school night and scavenger hunt.

6.3 Parent Report

No Parent Report

6.4 Staff Report

Diana Hagerty expressed her appreciation for the new literacy professional development initiative, Project ARISE, and provided a brief overview of the program.

Mr. Garcia added that, in addition to the four minimum days provided by the district, four additional bonus professional development days will be added to allow teachers to attend half-day Project ARISE training.

6.5 Community Schools

Moises reported that he has been working closely

with the Assistant Principal, PBIS, ASB, and the Community Liaison to create a Student Engagement group. The group meets to discuss activities and opportunities that can be brought to the school and community. They also collaborate to ensure that activities are supported and enhanced through the use of Community Schools funds. He also added that he has been working to create workshops for parents and connect students and families with community resources.

6.6 Administration Report

Mr. Garcia shared that a Leadership class is available to any student who is passing their current classes and is offered during fourth period. He also announced that two students will have the opportunity to serve on the District Student Advisory Committee this year.

Mr. Garcia added that Business Technology and Theater Arts will be offered and reported that the school's numbers have improved over the past three years, showing growth in several areas. He recognized the staff for their efforts in providing opportunities such as Credit Hunt, student field trips, and leadership activities, which have helped strengthen the school community.

He also shared that parent involvement has increased, with 160 attendees at this year's Back to School Night. Mr. Garcia thanked McDonald's for its donation of 200 meals. Lastly, he announced the creation of a professional development committee to support Project ARISE.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Budget

Mr. Garcia reviewed the budget and provided a brief explanation of how the funds are being allocated.

7.2 Review and Approve Budget Modifications

The School Site Council reviewed the budget. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Adriana Morales and seconded by Melody Rodriguez. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.0 Announcements

Adriana Morales reported that Senior Sunrise is scheduled for August 28. She also shared that donations are still being sought to provide a blanket for each senior student.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.

SSC President:



Principal:

