Hawthorne Middle School
School Site Council Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026
8:30-9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- **Time:** 8:39 AM
- **Presiding Officer:** Principal Dr. N. Ruvalcaba
- **Agenda Approval:** Motioned by L. Mische, seconded by Z. Jones. Approved unanimously (11-0).

2. SSC ELECTIONS & MEMBER VALIDATION

- **Certificated Staff:** Two seats were available. Rule was suspended to vote by acclamation at a site staff meeting. T. Amezcua and Z. Jones were elected unanimously (43-0). Returning members in their second year: A. Cardenas and L. Mische.
- **Parents:** Beatriz Peralta was elected as the new parent representative via digital Google Form voting during Back to School Night week (09/08/26–09/11/26).
- **Students:** Elections were held on 09/11/2026 via presentations and Google Forms. Elected grade-level representatives:
    - 6th Grade: Hannah Gonzalez
    - 7th Grade: Chikaima Muogboh
    - 8th Grade: Kamil Velez

3. PRESENTATION: ROLES OF SSC

A PowerPoint presentation covered SSC governance, including roles, composition, selection of members, rules of order, terms of office, required records, and core action responsibilities.

4. OFFICER ELECTIONS

- **Chair:** L. Mische nominated by D. Guerrero; seconded by Z. Jones. Approved unanimously (11-0).
- **Vice Chair:** K. Velez nominated by L. Mische; seconded by Z. Jones. Approved unanimously (11-0).
- **Secretary:** J. Villafana nominated by Z. Jones; seconded by B. Peralta. Approved unanimously (11-0).
- **District Advisory Council (DAC) Representative:** D. Guerrero nominated by A. Cardenas; seconded by Z. Jones. Approved unanimously (11-0).

5. BYLAWS

Bylaws were presented, reviewed, and discussed. No changes or questions were raised.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- **ELA Assessment Data:** Literacy Coach A. Cardenas reviewed 2025 vs. 2026 CAASPP and Trimester 1 i-Ready data. The schoolwide goal is 10% growth across all grade levels. Current 7th graders demonstrated 10% growth in 6th grade, while the current 8th grade class grew the least (1%) and remains the primary focus area.
- **Math Assessment Data:** Math Coach N. Turquand presented Fall Trimester i-Ready data: 3% of students were mid-or-above grade level, 15% on grade level, and one-third were one grade level behind. Discussion addressed math support classes, the implementation of the new math curriculum, and focused support for 8th grade. Dr. N. Ruvalcaba highlighted the i-Ready parent report.
- **English Learner (EL) Report:** EL Special Projects Teacher T. Amezcua reported on Long-Term English Learner (LTEL) data, ELAC's progress on the Needs Assessment, the election of DELAC representatives, and updated progress monitoring protocols due to new legislation.
- **Needs Assessment:** Tabled.
- **Family Engagement Policy / Home-School Compact:** The purpose and communication channels (weekly messages, Title I meeting, school website, student planners) were reviewed. Staff reminders to collect compact signatures will be revisited after Winter Break in January 2027.
- **Title I & LCFF Expenditures:** Dr. N. Ruvalcaba reviewed upcoming grade-level field trips and LCFF funding allocations (professional development, Chromebooks, furniture, sports). Title I fund usage will be detailed in upcoming meetings.

7. GRADE LEVEL REPORTS

- **6th Grade:** H. Gonzalez reported student requests for cold water in drinking fountains.
- **7th Grade:** C. Muogboh inquired about allowing electronic devices during lunch. The administration clarified that devices are not permitted.
- **8th Grade:** K. Velez shared student enthusiasm regarding Knott’s Berry Farm as a potential end-of-year activity and requested urinal dividers in the boys' restrooms.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDARED EVENTS

- **Next Meeting:** October 20, 2026
- **Upcoming Events:**
    - **Sept 22:** "Fall Back Into Your Culture" Spirit Day
    - **Sept 24:** Trimester Progress Notes Distributed
    - **Sept 25:** Fall Picture Day
    - **Sept 28 – Oct 9:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
    - **Oct 5:** Popcorn Fundraiser Begins

- **Oct 6:** HPA Reading/Math Workshop (FRC Room 1, 8:45–9:45 AM) & PTO Chipotle Fundraiser
- **Oct 12:** No School (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- **Oct 15:** The Great Shakeout Drill
- **Oct 27:** PTO Meeting #2

9. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- **Time:** 9:21 AM