



**EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Special DAC/DELAC Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2021**

**DAC Members Present:**

Juliana Aguirre, Durfee Elementary  
John Valencia, No. Ranchito Elementary  
Alejandro Abarca, Rivera Elementary  
Diana Lemus, South Ranchito Dual Language  
Rosanna Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts  
Esperanza Salazar, No. Park Academy of the Arts  
Liliana Blackmon, Rio Vista Elementary  
Hector LaFarga, Rivera Middle School  
Christine Saavedra, STEAM Academy  
Rosalia Luevano, El Rancho High High School  
Sung Yon Lee, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy  
Lupe Ordonez, Salazar High School

**District Personnel:**

Gisela Castanon, Director of Elementary Education  
Jazmin Chavez-Diaz, Director of Secondary Education  
Erin Lopez-Cadena, Coordinator, Categorical Programs  
Connie Macias, English Learner District Resource Teacher  
Kimmie Sandoval, State and Federal Clerk  
Rosaura Elenes, Interpreter  
Olga Montano-Briseno, Administrative Secretary  
Jenny Coronado, Administrative Secretary

**DAC Members Absent:**

Selena Mendoza, Birney Tech Academy  
Michael Castaneda, Magee Elementary

**Community Members:**

**Guests:**

Ms. Arlene Perez, Board Member  
Dr. Esparza, Superintendent  
Lorin Yannarella, Principal, STEAM Academy  
Ana Melgar, Principal, Magee Elementary  
Sam Genis, Interim Principal, North Park Academy of the Arts  
Tony Hernandez, Information Technology

**Call to Order**

Called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Mrs. Rosalia Luevano.  
Mrs. Rosalia Luevano led the flag salute.

**II. Welcome**

Mrs. Rosalia Luevano welcomed parents.

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** Ms. Christine Saavedra

**Second:** Mrs. Rosanna Cabrera

**Quorum:** Yes

**Motion to Approve Minutes:** N/A (Special DAC/DELAC Meeting)

**Second:** N/A (Special DAC/DELAC Meeting)

III. Board Member, Ms. Arlene Perez was introduced and shared a little about herself to our DAC/DELAC Members. She explained that she attended Rio Vista Elementary, Rivera Middle

School and El Rancho High School. Board Member, Ms. Arlene Perez shared that she is available to listen to the needs of the parents and students.

### **III: Road to Reopening**

#### **Thank You**

Dr. Esparza thanked everyone for their patience and understanding during the COVID-19 crisis.

#### **Quality Instruction**

- ⊞ Teachers, Staff, and Administrators,
- ⊞ Adapt to the constantly changing environment.
- ⊞ Computers and home internet became a necessity overnight.

#### **Together**

- ⊞ Together we the El Rancho community, teachers, parents, staff, and students, have provided technology, internet access, technical support, and food services throughout this emergency.

#### **Turning Point Vaccine**

With a vaccine now available, there is hope and we believe that the time is appropriate to discuss our students returning to our campuses.

#### **Survey/Feedback**

- ⊞ To effectively plan, we are asking our parents to fill out a survey
- ⊞ We need each of you to fill out one survey for each of your children.

#### **In Person/Distance Learning**

We know that many would like to commit to sending your students to school, while others would prefer to continue to engage through distance learning.

#### **Commitment**

- ⊞ Our district is committed to providing our students with a top quality education, regardless of the learning model that you choose.
- ⊞ To access the survey, please use the link that has been sent to your email, or by visiting our website at [www.erusd.org](http://www.erusd.org)

#### **Thank You**

Stay healthy, stay safe, and continue to be El Rancho Strong.

### **Questions from DAC/DELAC Members:**

Mrs. Lupe Ordonez asked who specifically is going to fill out the Survey? Dr. Esparza explained that the Survey will be available for all grade levels.

Mr. Hector LaFarga asked if there is a number of students accepted for physical return to school? Dr. Esparza explained that the El Rancho Unified School District will only allow 12 students in a classroom, but the county will allow for 14 students.

Mr. LaFarga also asked if students in Distance Learning will have the same teacher once they return to physical school? It was explained that the district work hard at meeting our student's needs.

Ms. Christine Saavedra asked if once you sign up for returning to physical school, could you switch if there are changes with student's needs? It was explained that yes, if changes need to be made for students.

Ms. Christine Saavedra also asked if there is a specific size for the co-horts? Dr. Esparza explained that for ERUSD the class size would be 12 students and LACOE would accept 14 students.

Mr. Hector LaFarga asked if there would be clear and concise explanations for students returning to school? Yes, communication would be provided on the district website and communication from school site and the district.

Mr. Al Abarca asked if all the school sites were ready to receive students? Dr. Esparza explained that HVAC and air scrubbers are being prepared in classrooms, warm water is going to be available for adults in bathrooms, there will be signage, hand sanitizer available and that further information would be available at the April 13, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Rosalia Luevano asked if there will be safety precautions like plexiglass available in classrooms, Dr. Esparza explained that there is plexiglass for safety purposes everywhere.

Mr. LaFarga asked if there was a return date available? At this time there is no specific return date, but the Board of Education and the district are in close communication. There will be further discussion on April 13, 2021 on Distance Learning and Reopening of the district.

Mr. Abarca asked if there is vaccine date set for El Rancho Unified School District? Currently, Nurse, Andres Centeno is working closely with the county and surrounding pharmacies to provide the vaccine.

Erin Lopez-Cadena asked if REACH services would be available for working parents? The district is currently communicating with REACH to provide services.

Ms. Christine Saavedra asked about essential workers, and explained that she was very happy with the communication coming from the District.

Board Member, Ms. Arlene Perez shared her concern regarding remote teachers.

Mrs. Rosalia Luevano shared her concern about scheduling related to the reopening process.

Mr. LaFarga asked if there would be morning or afternoon scheduling for student's return? It was explained that there will be a Hybrid plan available for students, and further information will be forthcoming.

One of our parents asked about the availability of masks for students at school sites. Dr. Esparza explained that students would be receiving 2 ERUSD masks each, a face shield, and gloves.

**IV: Other Business:**

Ms. Christine Saavedra shared that Beverly Hospital is taking appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine for people 65 years or older.

Mr. Hector LaFarga shared that there will be a Red Cross/Pico Rivera Preparedness Meeting on 2-25-21 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Chavez-Diaz shared information about the El Rancho High School Academic Decathlon.

**V: Adjournment:**

**Motion for Adjournment:** Ms. Christine Saavedra Time: 6:05 p.m.

**Second:** Mr. Hector LaFarga

Minutes by: Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena