

## EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# District Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 17, 2020

## DAC Members Present:

Ana Martinez, Birney Tech Academy Alejandro Abarca, Rivera Elementary Rosanna Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts Esparza Salazar, No. Park Academy of the Arts Esther Mejia, STEAM Academy Rosalia Luevano, El Rancho High Hector LaFarga, Rivera Middle Diana Lemus, So. Ranchito Dual Language

# **DAC Members Absent:**

Jose Castillo, Magee Elementary Vacant, No. Ranchito Vacant, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy Julianna Aguirre, Durfee Elementary Christina Ramos, Rio Vista Elementary Yvette Simental, Salazar High

#### District Personnel:

Dr. Esparza, Superintendent
Erin Lopez-Cadena, Coordinator, Categorical
Programs
Connie Macias, English Learner District Resource
Teacher
Jazmin Chavez, Coordinator, Curriculum and
Instruction
Edna Tristan, Data Resource Teacher
Luis Perez, District Resource Teacher
Dean Cochran, Director, Special Education
Dora Soto-Delgado, Director, Student Services
Rolland Kornblau, Director, Information
Technology

### **Community Members:**

Christine Saavedra

#### Guests:

# I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Mrs. Mejia Mrs. Esther Mejia, Chairperson led the flag salute.

### II. Welcome

Mrs. Esther Mejia, Chairperson welcomed parents.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Mr. Al Abarca

Second: Rosalia Luevano

Ouorum: Yes

Approval September 3, 2020 minutes-Not Apply

Motion to Approve:

Second: Quorum: Yes

# **III:** Review of Learning and Continuity and Attendance Plan)

- 1. Mr. Al Abarca asked if the last date of March 13, 2020 should be placed in the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.
- 2. Mrs. Luevano-Her comment concerned parents that are less technologically savvy. She is concerned that they will not have a voice.
- 3. Mrs. Luevano-Her concern was about the current Parent Survey that has been closed as of today and was supposed to be available until Friday, September 18, 2020. Dr. Esparza responded by explaining that the Parent Survey would be opened up throughout the weekend.

- Mrs. Luevano also asked if there would be a teleparent sent out to tell parents about the extension of the Parent Survey.
- 4. Mr. Al Abarca-asked if the district would be purchasing EPIC for students? He also stated that it must also be placed on page 13 and page 22 along with the list on Educational Technology Supplements.
- 5. Mrs. Luevano and Mrs. Rosanna Cabrera- Both discussed their concern about the Distance Learning Secondary Schedule (El Rancho High School) specifically on Friday. The concern is that it is not accurate page 10.
- 6. Mrs. Lemus also expressed her concern about the Friday schedule for North Park Academy of the Arts.
- 7. Mr. Al Abarca-He had a question about Pupil Learning Loss and the after-school tutoring program stated in the Plan. He would like to know what the status is regarding the program.
- 8. Mrs. Lemus had a question regarding the Virtual PD Website on page 14. Her concern was about grandparents and parents who are currently working with students and supporting them during Distance Learning.
- 9. Ms. Saavedra-She asked if the district could consider incorporating short video snippets to support our parents during Distance Learning.
- 10. Mr. Al Abarca-He asked if there could be a table of contents to the Plan to help find topic/information much easier.
- 11. Ms. Saavedra- She asked if the district could have a consistent page where the school site could share with parents which platforms they use.
- 12. Mrs. Luevano-She asked if there would be funds for Visual and Performing Arts available for all school sites for equity.
- 13. Mrs. Lemus-She shared that North Park Academy of the Arts students in the band need instruments for the students to use while they are at home.
- 14. Mrs. Espi Salazar-explained that she had to purchase her child's instrument. She also mentioned that students in the Orchestra have instruments, but students in the band normally purchase their own instrument.
- 15. Mrs. Luevano-She mentioned something about Relationships?
- 16. Mrs. Luevano-She stated that if the district is going to send out another Parent Survey, it should be updated with the question asking parents if they would like to send their children back to in-person school.
- 17. Mrs. Lemus-She had a question about Professional Development. She asked if the September 18, 2020 PD on Social Emotional Learning-Strategies for Students & Staff would be available. According to Mr. Cochran shared that the PD would be available tomorrow.
- 18. Mr. Al Abarca-asked if there was a plan for the PPE for the district and school sites.
- 19. Mrs. Luevano-She asked if the district would be connecting parents with health & wellness resources during Distance Learning. She asked where parents could go to gather needed information/resources. She recommended a short video or list of resources available to parents.
- 20. Mrs. Luevano-She asked and was concerned about the funding going to Substitute Teachers in the budget page 24 \$1,185,000.
- 21. Mrs. Martinez-She asked about the budget on page 24.
- 22. Mrs. Rosanna Cabrera-She stated that she is a Teacher's Aide for the district, and was not called back to work for the new year. She wanted to know why?
- 23. Mrs. Luevano-She stated that substitutes at LAUSD......
- 24. Mrs. Martinez-She asked if the Teacher's Aides would be able to help teachers this year?
- 25. Mrs. Rosanna Cabrera-Explained that she is not able to help and use break out rooms during Distance Learning and that her support is very limited.
- 26. Mrs. Rosanna Cabrera-She wanted to discuss the Parent Engagement Process on page 24.
- 27. Mrs. Lemus- She wanted to know how she can find a tutor for her children this year.
- 28. Mrs. Luevano-She asked if teachers could be compensated for making videos that can help support parents. Examples of videos needed: uploading a video, and picture.

- 29. Mrs. Mejia-She thanked everyone for their support and encouraged our parents to get involved in SSC.
- 30. Mr. Abarca mentioned how there are only three people involved in the SSC for Magee Elementary School.

# IV. Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment: Mrs. Rosalia Luevano Time: 6:14 p.m.

Second: Mr. Al Abarca

Minutes by: Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena