



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Site Council (SSC)

El Rancho High School

MINUTES for SSC Meeting of February 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Silvas, (P) April Farris (M), Pablo Gomez (M), Cynthia Dorado (M), Stephanie Senteno-Tapia (VC), Ana Duran (M), Rosalia Luevano(C), Esther Mejia(M), Rosanna Cabrera(S), Jordan Uribe (M), Daisy Martir(M), Cameryn Bañuelos(M), Madison Morales (Alternate)

1. Meeting called to Order
2. Minutes Approval
3. Agenda Approval

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Call to Order – 5:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Rosalia Luevano

Mrs. Luevano, via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

a. Approval of Proposed Agenda

- i. Stephanie Centeno-Tapia
- ii. Mr. Christopher Silvas

b. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes (12/10/20)

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Last name Senteno-Tapia was misspelled and Mrs. Lugos approval of the agenda needed to be changed to Cynthia Dorado being that she is a voting member.

- i. Mrs. Esther Mejia
- ii. Cynthia Dorado

III. Committee Reports

a. Associated Student Body

Jordan shared that currently they are celebrating Week of Love. The week of February 22, they will be celebrating Black History Month. Social Media will be posting informational graphics on history lessons, black owned business and more. ASB will be holding a Chipotle fundraiser on February 24th from 4-8pm. Currently they are working on a COVID Capsule where they are recapping all the events that have occurred. It will be a commemorative pre-recorded assembly to show that we are all in this together scheduled for March 12. A St. Patrick’s Day virtual competition for the classes is scheduled for the 17th. Women’s history Month will be celebrated on March 22nd -26th.

b. Special Education

Ms. Farris shared that programming had started for mild to mod severe students. The reason for this is that it will give them access to electives earlier and it will decrease the issue that would arise in the fall. Instead of starting in May we are starting in February and hopefully we get a head start on this. On February 5th we had our 1st character strong training and we will have our 2nd training on March

5th. A few teachers will be attending the virtual CUE conference from March 18-27th. Some of us will be participating in ADVID workshops.

c. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Mrs. Luevano mentioned that Mrs. Huntenberg gave an update on the 1st Interim Report of the District Budget. Each category on expenditures were explained as well as Attendance. We are being held harmless for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year the attendance will be based on the 2019-2020 fiscal year. We are meeting the minimum daily minute requirements. The weekly engagement records were also being looked at. The 2022-2023 Attendance Fiscal year will be based on that current year. The District has enough funds for this year and the next two consecutive years. They do need to start making adjustments and thinking of what may happen in 3 more years. They have to be very careful on how money is spent. Dr. Esparza was part of this meeting and she mentioned about a safe environment to return to school, small cohorts and hybrid model. No date was given as to a return in a traditional way. Parents expressed their concern on the social emotional needs for the students as well as concerns for returning to school. Some shared personal experiences with COVID and their concern to return to school.

d. PBIS

Mrs. Senteno-Tapia mentioned that now more than ever we are focusing on the well being of our students. The 1st session for Character Strong was on Jan 29th and the second session will be March 5th. The student lessons will begin March 12. This program was purchased by District. The program is really easy to access and everything is already prepared for teachers. The program will not take from academic time. Lesson will be given every Friday. Minutes will be added to 3rd period so that teacher will administer the 30 min lesson to the students. This is something the District has mandated.

e. Principal

IV. Legal Requirements

a. Review Student Assessments for 2020-2021

- Because of the situation we are in our assessments have also been impacted. Our CAASPP Test was not able to be administered. It was not only our school but the entire state was unable to do so. There is a plan to do this test but the plan is still not completed. Mr. Silvas gave an overview on CAASP as well as Mrs. Lugo our Liaison for the CAASP. Mrs. Lugo mentioned that as of now we don't know under what conditions the kids will be testing. We are moving forward with the idea that we will test live but worse case scenario would be testing remotely. If we test remotely, a proctor would only be able to test 4 students at a time. However many kids that need to be tested would need to test within April 19- May 28th in both English and Math. One major concern is security. The plan is to test all 11th graders for CAASSP with a shortened version of the test and our 12th graders will take the California Science Test (CAST). Other assessments taking place include the Advanced Placement (AP). This test is given between May 3rd and May 14th. International Baccalaureate Exam is offered between May 4th and May 13th. Students in the IB program take a battery of 6 exams based on the classes they are enrolled in for the year. We must note that there are other program requirements outside of exams. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) assessment is taken in May. Unfortunately, this exam was not given last year and we are looking into the possibility of having it this year if some concerns are addressed. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or (ACT) are being offered in limited fashion

on sites that agree to them. These exams are NOT required for this group of students through 2023-2024 to apply for college.

V. Unfinished Business

- None for this meeting

VI. New Business

a. COVID 19 Update- Pico Rivera

Everyone is still working from home except for our custodians that are in a rotating scheduled. Because of the high numbers of cases, we are continuing with Distant Learning.

b. Status of Athletics and Activities

Due to the high numbers of cases in the city we were unable to continue with our practices on campus.

c. Status of Possible Site Return

At the time it is not safe to do so. Once the high numbers are able to be managed, we will begin to have a conversation on small cohorts. Later we will prepare to present the plan for a hybrid model.

d. Report- Virtual Parent Meetings

Mr. Silvas thanked some of the parents present for attending the meeting. We had about 50 parents in the Spanish session and about 30 parents in our English session. We heard 2 main concerns, one being the pace of the instruction given and expectations on the turnaround of the work being assigned. The second concern was the workload given to our students. These concerns will be addressed with our staff tomorrow. We will ask our staff to reflect on the expectations they have for kids and how realistic these expectations are. We want to make sure they are aware of the concerns that some of our parents have.

e. Go Guardian use at ERHS

This is a program our district purchased that was approved to be used throughout our sites. The program allows our teachers to view the kids screen and open tabs in Chrome and not in other parts of their computer. We did hear some concern from our parents saying that this is a lot of power given to the teachers. Parents wanted to make sure that we have norms in our school for how it's being used and that we are taking steps that are teachers are not abusing the program. It was mentioned that this is not for disciplinary purposes or to violate the student's privacy but instead it is used to keep students on task. Mrs. Senteno-Tapia did mention that not all teachers are using it. Mr. Silvas asked our students present in regards to their thoughts on Go Guardian. Jordan did mention that he has heard from other students that they feel it is an invasion of privacy. He did mention that some of his teachers have made them aware that this is not to get students in trouble and that it is to keep students on task. He also mentioned that he heard rumors about teacher being able to see what students are doing if they are logged on their phone. Another concern is the fact that teachers are still able to view a student screen if students are not using a district provided computer. Students want to hear that they have a way to opt out of it and what exactly are teachers able to really see. Students want to make sure that the staff is being truthful and that the staff intentions are to keep students on track and not to get them in trouble and a possible way to opt out of it. Mr. Silvas did state that teachers were sent norms and one of the agreements was that Go Guardian is to be used only during class time. After instruction is over, there is no reason why that program should be used. Jordan also mentioned that it was a bit questionable that the program was being used before it was made public. He also mentioned that there are concerns that some teachers might not use it as intended. Daisy also echoed what Jordan had mentioned.

VII. Public Comment

Mrs. Luevano wanted to thank Mr. Silva for conducting the parent meetings. She reminded Mr. Silvas of the parents request for trainings. Parents expressed the need to learn how to e-mail teachers and how to log on to Aeries. Mrs. Mejia also thanked Mr. Silva for the parent meetings. Mrs. Mejia wanted to thank the teachers for checking in with the students. In regards to Go Guardian she sees it as an accountability piece. Mrs. Mejia wanted to know when the school started to use it? Mr. Silvas mentioned that it began around the 1st week of December and was in use for 2-3 days before teachers came forward and said that we should send a message to help everyone understand what we are trying to do with this program. Mrs. Mejia also mentioned that the Christmas Basket Committee is doing a food distribution on Saturday, December 12 at the Sports Arena from 10:00am-12:00pm. Mr. Silvas wanted to acknowledge the Drama Club and their advisor Mrs. Backovich for putting together the lunch bag theater. They were doing improve during lunch time for our kids. Tomorrow they are doing something special for our teachers and staff.

Motion for adjournment:

- i. Stephanie Senteno-Tapia
- ii. April Farris

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.