



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Services

District Advisory Council Meeting *Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Meeting*

DAC Members Present:

Jose Castillo – Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences
Sonia Barreda – Rio Vista Elementary
Esther Mejia – Rivera Elementary
Melissa Galaviz – So. Ranchito Dual Language Academy
Rosana Cabrera – Valencia Academy of the Arts
Mery Guerra – No. Park Academy of the Arts
Maria Figueroa – Rivera Middle
Jose Castillo – STEAM Academy

DAC Members Absent

Christine Saavedra – Birney Tech Academy
Elva Contreras – Durfee Elementary
Marvella Nuñez – No. Ranchito Elementary
Lorraine Espinoza – Salazar Continuation High School
Mark Gutierrez- El Rancho High School

District Personnel:

Erin Lopez-Cadena – Coordinator, Categorical Programs

Ana Fisher – Program Improvement District Resource
Teacher

Community Member:

Margaret Renteria

Guests:

Dr. Roxane Fuentes, Assistant Superintendent
Josie Cambero – El Rancho High School

Opening and Flag Salute

Dr. Fuentes opened the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Quorum: At 6:56 p.m. we did not have a quorum. By 7:03p.m. we had a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

No Approval

After reading the minutes, there was no approval due to a discrepancy with the attendance. Jose Castillo, Mery Guerra, Margaret Renteria, and Rosana Cabrera all stated they attended the June meeting but were marked absent. Dr. Fuentes suggested we check the June sign in sheet and revise the June minutes to approve the minutes at our next meeting (November 16, 2016). Some parents were wondering why the minutes did not have comments regarding transportation. They wanted to know if the school district was going to offer transportation for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Fuentes suggested we go back to the original minutes and verify the comments regarding transportation.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Esther Mejia motioned to approve the agenda and Mr. Jose Castillo second the motion.

New Business:

I. DAC Roles & Responsibilities:

(Power Point presented)

Dr. Fuentes stated that there are three main responsibilities:

1. The DAC provides a forum for communication, information, and training for the district's SSCs through the DAC representative.
2. The DAC serves as a liaison between the district and sites by reporting on information provided at DAC meetings.
3. The DAC advises and makes recommendations in regard to the following as it relates to Title I programs:
 - a. DAC Bylaws
 - b. District Parent Involvement Policy
 - c. Consolidated Application
 - d. Local Educational Agency (LEA) PlanAnnual advisory to Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and district Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

II. DAC Officer Elections:

The committee all agreed and voted the following officers:

- Chairperson –Esther Mejia
- Vice- Chairperson –Jose Castillo
- Secretary –Maria Figueroa
- Parliamentarian – Rosana Cabrera

III. District Parent Involvement Policy Evaluation:

- Dr. Fuentes spoke about **Parent Institute for Quality Education (P.I.Q.E)**
She stated that P.I.Q.E will be offered at every secondary schools. An outside facilitator will come to each school and provide 10 evenings for training for parents. The trainings will consist of college ready, A-G requirements, information regarding colleges, and financial aid. There will also be an evening with the principal to have an open discussion regarding any questions parents may have.
- Dr. Fuentes also spoke about **School Smarts Program**. It's a guided session as of now. A teacher and a parent will lead the program. It will be blended program with arts, language arts, etc. Eventually the goal of the program is to have parents lead it. The program will discuss:
 - What kind of values do you have at home?
 - What are your goals for your student?
 - What career path?
 - What do you want to instill in your student?
 - How can you make your school a better place?
 - Action plan for the school
 - Parent EmpowermentDr. Fuentes wants to start the first meeting with the action plan that was created at the end of last year. (2015-2016)
- Dr. Fuentes spoke about the conference Parent to parent institute.
El Rancho USD sent parents to the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (H.O.T)
- Dr. Fuentes would like to know how we can bring parents here to DAC meetings.
- Dr. Fuentes asked the parents to write down ideas on chart paper. She asked:
 - what do you want the workshops to be about?
 - what do you want the district to implement?
 - what do you want to learn more information about?
 - Any programs that you want more information about?Parents shared their ideas on chart paper based on Technology, PBL, ELA, Math, and other topics.

New things that are coming:

- New Science Assessment (CAST), 5th and 7th graders and students in the grades between 9th – 12th graders will be testing. Every student in those grade levels will be taking the test.
- This year is a pilot year, there will be no data. The pilot test helps the state build the questions for the new state standards called "Next Generation State Standard".
- First Science Test with data will be in the year 2018-2019.
- Science will connect with Math and Engineering

Dr. Fuentes wants to help parents with Digital Footprint (ongoing living record that will follow you). She stated that you can google people by name and you can find out a lot of information regarding a person. She wants parents to be aware of what their children are involved in with technology.

Dr. Fuentes spoke about **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**.

- Transitional letters will be going out soon
- CAASPP scores will be the base line
- Changes in funding – Program Improvement is frozen
- In the past 20% of the funds were required to go to SES which were outside resources.
- This year (2016-2017) – districts are required to use 20% but have a choice to use it however they want to. ERUSD wants to use it for summer school. (Better results with summer school)

- In 2017-2018 – things may change
- Title I funds can only be used towards Math and Language Arts
- Ana Fisher along with Erin Lopez- Cadena and Dr. Fuentes will be organizing a summer school for 2016-2017.

IV. Other Business, as needed

Dr. Fuentes will be bringing back **Hall of Fame** to El Rancho High School.

V. Questions:

1. What is the status for the food services, arts, and bus transportation (it was brought up in LCAP meeting)?
Dr. Fuentes stated that a survey went out to parents from Student Services regarding transportation.
2. Can a representative from St. Marianne's or St. Hilary's attend the LCAP meeting?
Dr. Fuentes stated No because Title I funds can only be used for PD in private schools.
3. How is the turn over with the teachers and staff being addressed? Too many qualified teachers in the district are leaving to other districts. What is the district doing to attract new teachers?

VI. Comments:

Need a list of acronyms be available for the next meeting?

VII. Agenda Forecast:

Follow up with the pink sheets.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion: Maria Figueroa

Second: Esther Mejia

Time: 8:13

Minutes by: Ana Fisher