



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021

DAC Members Present:

Juliana Aguirre, Durfee Elementary
John Valencia, No. Ranchito Elementary
Alejandro Abarca, Rivera Elementary
Diana Lemus, So. Ranchito Dual Language
Rosanna Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts
Eperanza 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 School
Sung Yon Lee, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy
Lupe Ordonez, Salazar High School

DAC Members Absent:

Selena Mendoza, Birney Tech Academy
Michael Castaneda, Magee Elementary

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
Danny Perez, District Resource Teacher
Kimmie Sandoval, State and Federal Clerk
Rosaura Elenes, Interpreter
Olga Montano-Briseno, Administrative Secretary
Jenny Coronado, Administrative Secretary

Community Members:

Guests:

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent
Janet Alonso, Principal, Rio Vista Elementary
Lily Huntenburg, Director of Fiscal

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mrs. Rosalia Luevano.
Mrs. Rosalia Luevano led the flag salute.

II. Welcome

Mrs. Rosalia Luevano welcomed parents, and had a moment of silence.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Ms. Saavedra

Second: Mr. LaFarga

Quorum: Yes

Motion to Approve Minutes: Mrs. Diana Lemus

Second: Mr. Al Abarca

III: LCAP Update

1. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan has replaced the LCAP for the 2020-21 School Year.

2. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan was due in September 2020 to the Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE).
3. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan had specific areas that LACOE recommended to update. The areas were Special Education, and Homeless Students.
4. The Board of Education approved the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan in December of 2020.

IV: First Interim Report on the District Budget

1 Lily Huntentburg, Director of Fiscal presented on the First Interim Report on the District Budget from July 1-October 31, 2020.

- The First Interim budget report is a snapshot in time of ERUSDs fiscal projections
 - Information that covers the period of time from July 1 through October 31
 - Revenue and expenditure forecasts for the current fiscal year as well as a projection of the two subsequent fiscal years
- COVID-19 Resources
 - CRF = Coronavirus Relief Fund (Part of LLM) \$7,298,049
 - Prop 98 = Based on 2019/20 LCFF \$753,431
 - ESSER = Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief =\$1,848,214
 - GEER = Governor’s Emergency Education Relief \$472,432
- Attendance
 - Attendance is held harmless for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year
 - FY 2021-22 Attendance will be based on FY 19/20
 - Meeting the minimum daily minute requirements
 - Weekly engagement records
 - FY 2022-23 will be based on actual attendance
- Cash Flow
 - FY 2020–21 reintroduced cash deferrals to the tune of \$29 million for ERUSD
 - Beginning as early as February 2021
- Multiyear Projections
 - FY 2020–21 marks the second fiscal year that districts have been impacted by the pandemic
 - LCFF factors for cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) and funded COLA are not likely to grow in FY 2021–22
 - ERUSD has adequate reserves
 - Declining enrollment and loss of ADA
- Reserves
 - Now is the time to be shoring up reserves, not spending them down

Questions from our parents:

Mr. Al Abarca asked how the CARES funding was being spent? It was explained that items like distance learning, additional staff, and additional needed items for school sites.

A question was asked about the declining enrollment at the district. It was stated that El Rancho Unified School District has a lot to offer students. Dr. Esparza also explained that student enrollment throughout the county is currently struggling.

Dr. Esparza shared with everyone that the district is working on a Communication Plan that would allow for equitable access to everyone.

Mrs. Lemus, explained that she has students attending school in Whittier and at ERUSD, but was concerned why ERUSD does not offer a ROTC Program.

Mrs. Luevano asked about the Unrestrictive Funds in the district. It was explained that there are funds that fall to the bottom for the district and ERUSD would need to come up with a plan for the district.

Mr. Al Abarca had a question about the phone system, and asked if there would be any upgrades? Currently there updates being made to the phone system.

A question was asked what the district uses indirect cost on. It was explained that the district is allowed to use it for operating costs. It was also explained that each resource has a cap.

Dr. Esparza explained that on April 13, 2021 there would be a discussion on the safety of reopening schools. The discussion would include small co-horts, hybrid, and the traditional teaching model. Dr. Esparza also shared that the District is working with the City of Pico Rivera, and our district nurse to support vaccines.

Mrs. Nava shared that there should be something to motivate our students. For example, creating a video showing students cooking in the kitchen and teaching a new recipe.

Mrs. Monica Alvarado explained that her whole family had COVID-19, and her concern is going back to school for her children. She would like everyone to be vaccinated.

Mr. Al Abarca asked about the annual fire alarm upgrades throughout the district. According to Mr. Tapia, Director of Maintenance, the department schedules annual fire alarm testing. The fire alarm systems are inspected which includes strobes hors and audibles.

V: Other Business, as needed.

VI: Adjournment:

Motion for Adjournment: Mr. Abarca Time: 6:15 p.m.

Second: Mrs. Diana Lemus

Minutes by: Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena