

School Site Council Meeting
Minutes 10/7/14
El Rancho High School

1. FLAG SALUTE
Led by Christina Jimenez
2. CALL TO ORDER
Maria Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:03pm
3. ROLL CALL
SSC members in attendance:
Parents—Josie Cambero, Robert Gallegos, Maria Martinez, Ruth Villaneda, Debbie Goodall
Students—Christina Jimenez, Natalie Woo, Irvine Puga
Classified Staff—Tony Hernandez
Certificated Staff—April Farris, Judi Gollette, April Leal
Administration—Jessica Kwek
Visitors—Adam Martinez, Matthew Sanchez, Alicia Villegas
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/9/14)
With corrections
Motioned—Ms. Kwek
Second—Josie Cambero
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a) ASB Report

PAST-Back to School Night was a great turnout. Students were able to sign up and discover new clubs and activities. College Night was also a big success. Over 50 colleges were on our campus to provide El Rancho students with useful information and to answer any questions they had. Congrats to the Varsity football team for scoring 47 to 17 against Katella.

PRESENT-ASB members are staying everyday after school this week to work on Homecoming and Night Time Pep Rally decorations. For the first time ever, Homecoming candidates voting will take place online. Voting will start Wednesday at 8am and end on Thursday at 3pm. Students will only be able to vote once. Many students participated in Key Club's blood drive event. This Friday is the big "Blue Out" game against La Serna.

FUTURE-Homecoming activities to include Homecoming Kickoff. ASB students will wake up early on Monday morning to decorate the school entrance gates according to each class Night Time Pep Rally theme. There will also be games at lunch. Tuesday will be the Homecoming Carnival where classes, clubs and organizations will sell their selected food item at lunch to raise money for further necessities over the year. Wednesday will be Blue Pride Day. Thursday will be El Rancho's famous Night Pep Rally! Themes are: Seniors-Universal Studios, Juniors-Peter Pan, Sophomores-Supernatural, Freshmen-Monsters Inc. All are welcome to attend. Food trucks available outside from 5pm to 9pm. Free dance for students after pep rally. Homecoming assembly will take place in the main gym on Friday. Find out who will be the Homecoming Queen at the football game when we take on Whittier.

b) DAC--No report at this time.

c) DELAC—No report at this time.

d) Special Education—Ms. Farris

Resource Specialist holding meetings at lunch. Topics include ways to support students more effectively. 9 special education teachers and 2 administrators attended conference in Anaheim (Professional Learning Communities). Ms. Kwek informed SSC that conference topics will be discussed with subgroup leaders. Ongoing discussion with subgroups leaders about ways to incorporate conference tips into daily instruction.

e) Principal's Report—Ms. Kwek

-Accreditation to take place November 16 to November 19. WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) team will present information to staff and parents during last day of visit.

-Goal is to prepare for upcoming visit from accreditation team. Focus group meeting on November 3 in the morning. Mock WASC visit on November 5.

-Official accreditation team will be on campus to review systems set in place at ERHS to ensure success of students. Parents will be invited to participate in accreditation process and provide feedback to accreditation team.

-Family Literacy Project will begin on October 15. It is a 6-week curriculum for parents to be offered in English and Spanish. Program will emphasize importance of a college education. Parents will read a story about a girl who wants to go to college. Parents will have opportunity to ask questions, participate in discussion group.

-Ms. Kwek asked for feedback about goals listed in 2014-2017 Action Plan. Ms. Kwek addressed need to collect information about ways SSC can get closer to moving toward working on SPSA.

6. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS—Presentation made by Ms. Rachel Garcia (ERUSD Categorical Programs Coordinator). Presentation regarding roles and responsibilities of SSC. Information included bylaws, officers/duties, purpose of the SPSA, development of the SPSA and Federal Program Monitoring.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Gollette inquired about comprehensive curriculum for students. Ms. Kwek will ask for feedback from teachers about CAHSEE prep materials. CAHSEE prep to begin within 1 month before students take test. Ms. Kwek invited parents to upcoming focus group meetings.

-Ms. Cambero asked about alternate ways for parents to participate in focus group meetings. Ms. Kwek encouraged parents to e-mail comments and suggestions throughout the entire school year. Ms. Kwek will share feedback with teachers at focus group meetings.

-Ms. Cambero asked how to determine if suggestions from parents haven't already been addressed or implemented. Ms. Kwek would like to address possibility of starting parent group, similar to current SWAT's (School Wide Action Team). Staff SWAT meeting on 10/15 at 7:45 in Room I-6. Parents welcome to attend. Focus of SSC is SPSA and corresponding categorical budgets. Ms. Kwek feels the addition of another parent group will provide community with opportunity to provide more feedback, increase involvement.

-Mrs. Martinez commented about high levels of parental involvement at Rio Vista. She shared her observations about need to end distant relationship between school and community. More parent involvement at high school level will help students succeed. Mrs. Martinez wants to see school make a more consistent effort to increase parent involvement.

-Ms. Kwek asked for input about effectiveness of Teleparent to keep parents informed about school events. Discussed use of social media to promote meetings and events.

8. FUTURE MEETING to be held on 11/4/14 at 5pm.
9. AGENDA FORECAST—SPSA, parent involvement ideas
10. ADJOURNMENT—Motion by Judi Gollette at 6:18pm. Second by April Farris.