



EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Site Council (SSC)

El Rancho High School

MINUTES for SSC Meeting of December 10, 2020

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 – 5:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Rosalia Luevano

Mrs. Luevano, via Zoom, called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

a. Approval of Proposed Agenda

- i. Stephanie Centeno-Tapia
- ii. Shirley Lugo

b. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes (11/12/20)

Minutes were approved as presented.

- i. April Farris
- ii. Mrs. Esther Mejia

III. Committee Reports

a. Associated Student Body

Camryn Bañuelos reported that currently ASB is working on promoting new and current clubs. Starting Monday, December 14 the school will begin spirit week. December 15- 16 ASB will have a holiday class competition in which each class will can showcase their holiday home décor.

b. Special Education

Ms. Farris and the department wanted to thank the administration at ERHS. They have been very supportive with our teachers during IEP’s and they are available at any time. They appreciate all their support.

c. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

We had an LCAP update. We understand that at the moment we are not following the LCAP and instead we are following the Learning and Continuity Plan. This plan was submitted to LACOE for approval and was returned with some recommendations. The board then approved some recommendations such as air scrubbers, thermo cameras and thermometers. The plan was then resubmitted to LACOE. We also had an in-service on PBIS at home. We received a lot of great information during the presentation. It touched basis on routines, home expectations, norms and rules and many more. Mrs. Luevano will share the presentation with Mr. Silvas to possibly be posted on the website. They also

touched basis on Emotional and Mental Wellness. The District currently has 2 Mental Health Liaisons, 6 Mental Health Counselors, 20 Mental Health Interns and so far, 676 students have received remote Mental Health services. It was reported that students are experiencing higher levels of anxiety, stress, and depression. Middle School and High School students were part of a screener that was developed to identify students that are struggling emotionally. From the 3,528 screened, 237 were referred to counselors or interns. At ERHS we had 1,726 students participate and 76 students were referred for follow-up. At the moment we have a tremendous need for Mental Health. DAC and DELAC will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual course called YMHFA. It is a common Mental Health program focused on youth mental health challenges and development. No date was given yet but Mrs. Luevano will keep us posted.

d. Principal

Mr. Silvas elaborated on the Mental Health Screener that took place on ERHS. We did hear from parent during our parent meetings that kids are feeling stressed and their workload. Our staff will receive a Mental Health Lesson on Suicide Prevention that they will be presenting to our students. Mrs. Senteno- Tapia our PBIS coordinator also mentioned that a team consisting of teachers that volunteer their time get together to create lessons every mom. We do get data collected from these lessons via a Google form. The PBIS team is also working on supporting our students. We recently received some money and gift cards were purchased for raffle prizes. ASB is working to keep up student morale and they do raffles periodically. Because we are not in school it makes it a bit difficult to gauge how students are feeling. We are also transitioning to another program called Character Strong. This involves lessons that all teachers can access. This program was purchased by the District and is being used in the Elementary and Middle School level.

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 schedule. 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.