

Total members present: 8  
Quorum (50% + 1): yes

## El Puente School Site Council Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2021 (Virtual - Google Meet) 2:15 p.m.

### 1.0 Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order by William Wagener at 2:17 PM.

### 2.0 Roll Call

The following people were present: William Wagener, Chair; Jonathan Green, Principal; Paul Cooper, Vice-Chair; Tammie Wood, Secretary & Parent; David Gross, Teacher; Rodney Atchley, Teacher; Cheryl Darlington, Principal's Secretary; Richard Haro, Parent.

### 3.0 Changes to Agenda

None

### 4.0 Reading and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

10/21/2021 Minutes: Paul Cooper made a motion to approve the October 21, 2021 meeting minutes. David Gross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.0 Public Comment

None

### 6.0 Reports

#### 6.0 ELAC Report

Tammie Wood attended her first DELAC meeting as the El Puente representative on November 3, 2021. They spent a lot of the time getting to know each other and going over the purpose of DELAC. The DELAC President, Mr. Antonio Garcia, went over some of the EL laws that are currently in place and what it took to make that happen in order to protect our English Learner students. Immigrants from Central America are the fastest growing population within our EL community. Tammie mentioned that she did not realize how important ELAC and DELAC are to our students, school, and community. She is happy to be a part of the team. Tammie shared with the DELAC group how beneficial the new translation tool has been in communicating to families of El Puente students.

Tammie was given some homework to bring back to the next DELAC meeting: 1) How many EL learners are at El Puente (*Tammie was emailed this information following the DELAC meeting*); 2) How much Title III funds do we have at El Puente and how are EL funds being used at our site; and 3) What does El Puente need for our EL students? Principal Green

stated that there is \$5,000-\$8,000 in our Title III funds. It is currently earmarked for materials and supplies. We currently share an EL Specialist with Mt. Toro. We have now grown to twice the size of Mt. Toro and really need to have an EL Specialist that is dedicated to El Puente. Many of the resources that are “shared” with El Puente get lost such as the building that was built to be shared. Because of the location of where it was built, it has not benefited El Puente as it should have. We have grown extensively and the “sharing” model needs to be revisited.

The next ELAC meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The next DELAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

### **6.1 Student Report**

None *(Tammie Wood asked if she should start sending out notifications of our meeting in order to remind the students and other members. Cheryl Darlington stated that the students are being notified. It appears we have lost our “leverage” with them since community service hours are no longer required for this year’s graduates. Rod Atchley suggested that we find a way to motivate students to want to be involved in School Site Council meetings and that we should teach them how to participate in a professional board setting. Tammie suggested that somebody reach out to ASB to see if somebody from that group would want to be involved since they are more aware of what the student body needs. Cheryl will ask that the Community Service Liaison reach out to the students before our next meeting to ensure attendance.)*

### **6.2 Parent Report**

None

### **6.3 Staff Report**

Cheryl Darlington mentioned that she liked the new EL Parent Newsletter that went out on Sunday. Principal Green sent it via email on Sunday and will try to continue to send it out every two weeks. Principal Green sends Tammie the bullet points in order for her to format the completed newsletter.

### **6.5 Administration Report**

Principal Green reported that as of tomorrow El Puente will be full staffed. This is great news! The additional staff includes the following: 1) Intervention Specialist John Martin from Everett Alvarez; 2) Intervention Specialist Evelyn Jimenez from Santa Rita; 3) Online EL Teacher Deb Rothschild; and 4) Online Social Studies Teacher Madison Haste *(as of tomorrow)*. Madison will be fully online teaching Social Studies to Middle School students. She will also have a 4th block teaching World History to High School students. If there is a need to fulfill, it is possible to add more combo classes in the future.

Principal Green presented enrollment numbers. Current enrollment is at 387 students. There is currently a wait list of approximately 52 students for distance learning. This number continues to grow. We have lost some students returning back to their home school due to

missing the social aspects such as friends, sports, etc. Some continue to be counseled out. Half of the time we are able to counsel them into turning their situation around, but the other half of the time they get counseled back to their home school due to lack of performance. Ms. Jimenez is currently working on the backlog of requests from teachers. Theoretically, El Puente can staff a maximum of about 600 students. Principal Green believes we will probably end up at 450-500 students.

Staffing could be an issue next school year. We are unsure of the impact that vaccine mandates will have on the school. It could impact hundreds to thousands of students. Students who participate in distance learning are not required to have the Covid vaccine; however, we currently can only have 10% of our school population participating in independent education. We will need to continue to look at improving the structure for online schooling. As of right now, distance learning is not allowed at traditional schools. Students who wish to participate in distance learning must do so through independent studies. These laws could change. We will have to wait to see how it all pans out.

There are no new budget changes to discuss. If needed, we will call a special meeting in December. Principal Green does not think there will be a need since we have the needed funds already for a winter intersession and will not need to vote on this topic.

### **8.0 Announcements**

Tammie Wood asked about our next meetings as they were not officially scheduled after December. The group agreed we will continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2:15-3:15 PM.

Our next School Site Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2021 @ 2:15-3:15 PM.

### **9.0 Adjournment**

Tammie Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Cooper seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by William Wagener at 2:42 PM.