



Vista Heritage & Meridian Global Academies

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School Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Welcome and Introductions/Bienvenida y Presentaciones**
 - a.
- B. Call to Order/ Orden de Llamada**
 - a. Called to order by Dr. Real at 3:37 p.m.
 - b. Seconded by all
- C. Attendance/Asistencia**
 - a. See attached
 - i. Mr. Benjamin was absent
 - ii. Jesus Avila has moved and Max Cota (Meridian VP) is replacement
 - iii. Emily Perez in 8th grade is the new student representative
 - iv. Mrs. Alessandro is absent.
- D. Approval of Agenda/Aprobación de la agenda;**
 - a. Move to approve by Jesus Montoya
 - b. Seconded by Deovlet
- E. Principals' Reports/Reportes de la Directoras**
 - a. See attached for Heritage & Meridian
 - i. Question about new Heritage chromebook policy: will there be insurance for parents to purchase for chromebooks that are being sent home?
- F. English Learner Update/ Actualización de principiantes de inglés**
 - a. At this point: all ELLs have undergone their initial assessment.
 - b. Preparing for ELPAC window to open in February
 - c. Looking to hire an ELL coordinator to support ELPAC testing and to support ELLs development when it is not testing time.
- G. New Business/ Asuntos Nuevos**
 - a. **Building Update: Vista Meridian**
 - a. New building promo/walk-through shared.
 - b. **Building Update: Vista Heritage/Condor**
 - i. New parking lot, more space outdoors because autosshops are demolished.
 - 1. Montoya: Is that our parking?



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2. Real: Ask Dr. Felch because the parking is shared amongst business association.
 3. Montoya: Do we still need parking permits?
 4. Real: Will follow-up.
- ii. **Think Together classrooms have changed for second semester**
- a. Changed to balance which classrooms are used after school.
- iii. **Drop-Off & Pick-Up procedures are changing due to request from the city of Santa Ana. We are working on this new procedure and will send information out to parents by the end of the week to implement when we return on Tuesday, January 17th.**
- a. City is requesting we return to our original pick-up/drop-off plans. Plans are in the works to develop the best and safest flow for traffic.
 - b. Flores: The original plans were?
 - c. Real: Elaborated with how cars looped.
 - d. Lubin & Flores: hated the old plans. Parked cars cannot get out safely and there were traffic jams.
 - e. Real: There is no definitive answer yet, but we appreciate the feedback.
 - f. Montoya: Was there a complaint?
 - g. Real: All of these concerns will be reported to Dr. Felch, assistant superintendent of facilities.

H. Miscellaneous:

a. New resource to deter drug use

1. New reports show that drugs are harder to find and easier to hide/consume.
2. Contracting with Interquest who will provide bi-monthly drug dog detection services. These dogs are trained to detect contraband and they are trained to work around children/students.
3. The school's gave the company our schedules and they will make surprise visits bi-monthly to help enforce our zero tolerance policy.
 - a. Perez: What will happen to the kids that do get caught?
 - b. Real: The consequences will vary from student to student and are dependent on a variety of factors.
 - c. Lubin: Will there be random searches of property?
 - d. Real: Ed law says we do not have the right to check personal property, etc. We need a reasonable suspicion to check personal property. The detection dogs will give us the reasonable suspicion to check personal property.
 - e. Has anyone seen this happen in the classroom before? No? It is very interesting. Everyone leaves the room and the dogs are



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then given a sample scent to track. The dog will signal if they smell the substance and follow-up will occur.

- f. Lubin: Will parents be notified of the school's reasonable suspicion.
 - g. Real: We will call and let you know the circumstances and your rights as parents.
 - h. Parents checking personal property supports our zero tolerance policy.
 - i. Flores: This is nothing compared to my educational experience in Texas.
4. Miscellaneous topic is opened to the general quorum:
- a. Deovlet: Nothing to share, thank you.
 - b. Walker: Nothing to share, thank you.
 - c. Lubin: Did you say that Meridian students could possibly graduate with an AA or AS degree?
 - d. Real: Yes, the formal pathway is in the works. This spring semester all students are taking a "study skills" class to prepare them for college classes.
 - e. Montoya: Excited about new Meridian facilities and excited about new "study skills" classes. This is a good decision to help students gain the skills they need to succeed in high school or college classes.
 - f. Flores: Meridian degree question.
 - g. Real: The intention is the Meridian students will complete all classes and then be enrolled in UCI for a bachelor's degree.
 - h. Real: UCI invited our students on scholarship to attend summer programs. UCI is a great partner and we look forward to working more closely with them.
 - i. Monntoya is a UCI alum.
 - j. Flores: I like UCI because they open up many doors for many different types of students.
 - k. Real: Our students are lucky to have many college choices in the area.
 - l. Perez: What is your plan during nutrition and lunch? There have been many mix-ups with students/supervision/etc.
 - m. Real: Clarifies
 - n. Perez: It's confusing. The gym is used for multiple grade levels and this is confusing. During rainy day schedules, Condor uses the gym and this feels unfair. Heritage students will then spend time in the hallway and phones are taken away.
 - o. Real: We are bursting at the seams and we don't have enough space for everyone. Meridian is leaving and that will help alleviate some of these issues. You are right, rainy day schedules are unfair but we do this so the Condor students can



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play. There is no equipment allowed because someone would get hurt when others kick the balls around.

- p. Flores: She's talking about nutrition and lunch, correct? (Yes). If Heritage and Meridian are not going to lunch at the same time, can they split between the two cafeterias for activities and space?
- q. Real: This is not possible because they Condor cafeteria is used by Condor students all day long. We purchased tables and umbrellas to open up more space for students. Heritage also split lunches (6th and 7th/8th) to create more space.
- r. Flores: This is only an issue for the next few months until Meridian leaves.
- s. Gonzalez: Is this an everyday issue or a rainy day schedule issue?
- t. Perez: This is an everyday issue. People don't seem to know where to go and they are getting in trouble.
- u. Perez: We would like the option to share our lunch and play area with 7th/8th grade instead of choosing a location and staying there. Students want to be mixed by grade-level.
- v. Gonzalez: If we let student's mix, some student's won't eat.
- w. Flores: Parents voted to keep different colored uniforms. The different colored polos help with differentiating between grade-levels, etc.
- x. Real: Does this make sense to you?
- y. Perez: Yes.
- z. Real: We are really proud of your honesty and we will use your feedback to try and change our policies/etc.
- aa. Gonzalez: Maybe we could create an incentive that a grade-level that is completely in uniform could use their phones at nutrition.
- bb. Lubin: What is the phone policy?
- cc. Gonzalez: No phones all day for Heritage.
- dd. Real: Meridian students should start to self-regulate and they are allowed to use their phones.
- ee. Perez: (New question): Can we make an indoor field?
- ff. Real: There are options to find shade/cover for the field.
- gg. Perez: That is all, thank you.
- hh. Real: You did so well today. Good work.
- ii. Gonzalez: Nothing to share, thank you.
- jj. Cota: My questions were answered previously. Thank you.

I. Closing SSC:

- A. Meeting called to end at 4:28 p.m.
- B. Next meeting is February 8th at 3:30 p.m. in Dr. Real's office.