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School Site Council Meeting
Thursday November 18, 2021 at 3:45pm
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Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions/Bienvenida y Presentaciones**
- II. Call to Order/ Orden de Llamada**
- III. Attendance/Asistencia**
Taken by secretary.
Quorum is here, but some are absent, see sign in sheet.
- IV. Approval of Agenda/Aprobacion de la agenda**
Motion to approve by Rakeem, seconded by Yuliana, all in favor.
Principal's Report/Reporte del Director
Linked, see notes.
- V. English Learner Update/ Actualización principiante inglés**
 - a. SELAC Update**
 - i. 3 curricula are in the process of vetting by the Teaching and Learning & Curriculum Committees. Next step: demos**
 - ii. Devolet has contacted publishers to schedule demos.**
 - iii. One student has been identified as needing the Alternate ELPAC Assessment, and the window for testing has opened. Mr. Bailey and Ms. Ramos received training in the Alternate ELPAC, and Ms. Ramos will lead the administration for this student.**
 - iv. Field Test due in February**
 - v. In 9th grade the L&C class is undergoing a study of the Chicano movement with Mr. Allaway**
 - vi. Utilizing Kagan, tech, and other educational tools during this study.**
- VI. New Business/ Nuevo Negocios**
 - a. HEROES council**
 - b. Honor council led by Mr. Montoya**
 - i. He will share the information for all stakeholders and make sure it is "Vista specific"**
 - ii. Not disciplinary circle.**

"We Transform the School Experience"

- iii. **Opportunity to model making good choices and provide opportunities for those people to make good choices.**
- iv. **Example: Victim, perpetrator, and witnesses**
- v. **Focus on the witnesses**
- vi. **Message “that’s not what we do, that’s not Vista”**
- vii. **Start small and grow with collaboration from all stakeholders.**
- viii. **Student driven. It must be student driven.**
- ix. **Gonzalez: Based on restorative justice practices?**
- x. **Montoya: Yes. This is not a “this is where I go when I get in trouble, it is this is where I go to be supported and become more intentional.”**
- xi. **This will be confidential. Everyone will be working together to build a safer school environment.**
- xii. **We have a lot of students who want the school to be a good place, they don’t always make the best choices.**
- xiii. **Ms. Veloz: Will this utilize mental health ambassadors?**
- xiv. **Montoya: No.**
- xv. **Bailey: Including the ambassadors is something to consider but it wasn’t designed to “meld” the two.**
- xvi. **Felch: We are actively recruiting from all stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, support staff). Please let Mr. Montoya know if you are interested in joining.**
- xvii. **Taking November/December to plan and January is the start date.**
- xviii. **Gonzalez: Will the witnesses be included in the process as well? Or is it just the “appointed” harm/no harm students included.**
- xix. **Montoya: Appointed students and then the harm causing students will enter to see the consequences of their actions and see the support that exists to help those students identify how they treat each other and how they treat our school.**
- xx. **Felch: Example: First thing honor council will do is collaborate to develop honor code.**
- c. **2022-2023 Instructional Calendar Feedback**
- d. **Dr. Felch: It feels like we aren’t finished yet, but it’s important to get feedback early as we develop future calendars and look ahead.**
- e. **Many steps to developing instructional calendar.**
- f. **Goal: have everything finalized by February for parents, new hires, returners, etc.**
- g. **Shared.**
- h. **Current calendar shared initially**

- i. Dates for next year are similar, just one day “back”.
- j. Historically school starts the second week of August. If we do this next year that would be Monday, August 8, 2022.
- k. The earlier we start the earlier the school year finishes.
- l. Pushed “back” to August to create more equal semesters as far as days.
- m. We have some flexibility in the start date. Staff comes back a few days beforehand.
- n. Gonzalez: This year we are completing extra days, right? Would we end the first week of June or the second week of June?
- o. Felch: The funds for the “extra days” end this year so we are looking at a regular 180 day calendar next year.
- p. Bailey: Do we know when Santa Ana Unified starts?
- q. Felch: No. SAUSD didn’t publish calendar until June or July. We pushed our calendar out in May and we ended up starting a week earlier than SAUSD.
- r. We try to align as closely as possible for convenience.
- s. Mr. Montoya pulled up the calendar and SAUSD starts on 8/15/2022
- t. Veloz: SAUSD the same as Santa Ana College (SAC)?
- u. Felch: No, they are separate. Colleges usually start around Labor Day.
- v. Walker: How long will PD be before school starts?
- w. This year was 3 day long PD before school. Everyone was moving into new classrooms and this included orientation.
- x. We have 10 PD days built into our contracts, so we can decide how we want to use them.
- y. SAUSD does two back to back holidays on Lincolns bday, while we take one holiday and do one
- z. Mello: Can we have 5 days of PD before school?
- aa. Felch: Good feedback. For example we are using one PD day when everyone returns from winter break, will we like it and keep it or will we not?
- bb. Felch: Students start on the 15th and teachers start on the 8th of August.
- cc. September we always have Labor Day off. Question: do we want to have 4 day weekend for students again?
- dd. Veloz: What does PD stand for?
- ee. Felch: Professional development or trainings for teachers.
Thank you for clarifying.

- ff. The retreat will take up 2 days. (This year because of COVID we are doing it in March.)**
- gg. Mello: Is that why we had two back to back PD days in October? Felch: Yes, but we decided to wait until March for our retreat this year.**
- hh. Parents, do we like having four day weekend for Labor Day? Yes.**
- ii. Students: do not prefer the four day weekend schedule.**
- jj. October does not have holidays. We have built in PD days to give students and teachers a break from routine.**
- kk. October is good for retreats: early enough in the year to “bond” but also break between September and November. Builds in a “quarter break” .**
- ll. Keep October PD day? Teachers and Montoya say: yes.**
- mm. Question for Dr. Wilson: if it is not the retreat, maybe we just do one PD day in October rather than two.**
- nn. Are Fridays or Mondays better for PD days for parents?**
- oo. Veloz: doesn’t really matter.**
- pp. Mello: Fridays**
- qq. Yuli and Rakeem: Fridays**
- rr. November: Veterans day 2022 is on a Friday.**
- ss. Felch: We aren’t doing a Thursday off and return Friday again. Attendance wasn’t great either so we aren’t going to do that again.**
- tt. Entire week of Thanksgiving off. Entire week of 21-15th, 2022**
- uu. December: Winter break stays the same as this year: last day 16th and return January 9th.**
- vv. A number of our families go out of the country in December for holidays which is partially why we have a 3 week Christmas break.**
- ww. The 3 week idea is it most resembles a “university” break.**
- xx. Difficulty with 2 week break is the end of the break cuts close to Christmas or January new year holiday..**
- yy. Other school with 2 weeks break often have a “ski week” in February. Or a “fall break” in fall.**
- zz. Built in “snow days” for other places.**
- aaa. Would we prefer to have 2 weeks at winter break and 2 weeks at spring break?**
- bbb. Mello/Gonzalez/Walker: 3 weeks is good.**
- ccc. Keep the Monday back after winter break as a PD day? Or PD day before winter break ends?**

- ddd. Decided PD day on first Monday back.**
- eee. February: Lincoln's bday and presidents day. In the past we have taken one day as a holiday and the other day as a PD day. What do we think we should do for 2022- 2023 school year?**
- fff. Would that February PD day be our last PD day? Yes.**
- ggg. There is no school on Valentine's Day this year.**
- hhh. Walker: March has no days off. What if we take the two holidays in February as holidays and place our last PD day in March as a 3rd quarter break.**
- iii. Feedback: two holidays in February and then move last PD days to March.**
- jjj. Sister school Vista LA follows LAUSD schedule. Next year SAUSD aligns with LAUSD schedule.**
- kkk. Condor: Easter Monday off for travel? Or take the week after Easter off?**
- lll. We could add an extra day at Easter.**
- mmm. May: Memorial Day**
- nnn. Day count has not been finished, but we would most likely end June 9th of next year. We need 180 school days to make it all work.**
- ooo. Veloz: Sometimes there is no back to school supplies when I go shopping. Traffic when all schools start at once.**
- ppp. Felch: Good thing to take into account. One thing about alignment. This year for example: significant number of students didn't report they had changed schools because SAUSD schools started a week later.**
- qqq. Dr. Felch will bring this all to Dr. Wilson and the board and will keep us updated.**

VII. Public Comments/Comentarios Público

- a. None**

VIII. Announcements/Anuncios

- a. Next Meeting: January 18th, 2022 at 3:45pm**
- b. Thanksgiving Break - November 22nd-26th**
- c. Winter Concert - December 10th 4pm-7pm**
 - i. (Condor: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. and Heritage 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)**
 - ii. Mello: Is fundraising allowed if we sell hot chocolate?**
 - iii. Felch: Too difficult.**
- d. Meridian Makeup Picture Day - December 2**
- e. Vista University and Final Day of Fall Semester - December 17**

IX. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Gonzalez, seconded by Mello**
- b. Adjourned at 4:51 p.m.**