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**School Site Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:30pm**

**Agenda**

**I. Welcome and Introductions/Bienvenida y Presentaciones**

**II. Call to Order/ Orden de Llamada**

- a. Meeting called to order 3:40
- b. Not all members are present.
- c. Dr. Felch arrived at 3:49

**III. Attendance/Asistencia**

- a. Definition of approval: items and how the items are written.

**IV. Approval of Agenda/Aprobacion de la agenda**

- a. Definition of approval: items and how the items are written.
- b. Item 10 add an accent over "u" - corrected.
- c. Motion by Montoya, Seconded by Mello/Walker to approve
- d. All approved items

**V. SSC Position Selections/Posision para elecciones**

- a. 3 positions of SSC:
  - i. Chairperson: facilitate the meeting/lead discussion and move through agenda. Traditionally the leader is a student at Vista.
  - ii. Vice chair: If chair cannot attend, the vice chair attends.
  - iii. Secretary: Takes the minutes (notes) and preserves them. Leads attendance and approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Reviewed for accuracy.
- b. Unable to vote today because of a lack of quorum.

**VI. SSC By-Laws/Por Ley**

- a. Reviewal of law/constitution.
  - i. Article 1:

1. SPSA: Explains how money is used to serve different student populations. SSC will develop and approve SPSA.
  2. SSC recommends spending to the Board. Board gets final vote.
  3. Safe School Plan
- ii. Article III:
1. Elected officials. 11 total elected members for a total year. Dr. Felch is an automatic member. All members have voting rights. Mr. Bailey will attend but was not elected.
  2. Any member can resign at any time but it must be through writing.
  3. Members who do not follow bylaws/etc. can be removed and will not be re-eligible for reelection for one year..  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required to remove officer from SSC duties (historically quorum vote).
  4. Elected officers roles reviewed (parliamentarian left out from earlier but it involves ensuring rules/procedures are followed).
- iii. Article IV:
1. Sub-committees can be established outside of SSC meeting time. Establishment must be completed officially and officers can create committees if necessary. Chairperson determines who participates in committees officially.
  2. Meetings will be held regularly and will be decided upon soon.
  3. Quorum= one member from each voting group.
  4. Meetings will be held in the conference room unless otherwise stated.
  5. Agendas will be sent out 72 hours before the meeting.
  6. Roberts Rules of Order and CA laws.
  7. Meetings must be publicized at least 24 hours before it is called because they are open to the public..
  8. Bylaws will be the bylaws if selected and approved by SSC and then will be approved by the Board of Education..
  9. 30 days before change goes into effect.
  10. Written requests for bylaw changes must be submitted to admin and superintendent.
- b. Cannot approve today because of lack of quorum.
- c. No discussion.
- d. Motion to approve by Rakeem. Seconded by Yuliana. All in favor: all.  
Opposed: none.
- e. Form will be passed around for check and signatures.
- f. Zoila will be added to SSC agenda/email list.
- g. Dr. Felch: all parents should be informed of SSC via TalkingPoints for future meetings.

## **VII. Principal's Report/Reporte del Director**

- a. Enrollment as of late last week. Total of 356 students.
  - i. 1 student added since previous board meeting.
- b. Instructional update:
  - i. 6.5 weeks into semester.
  - ii. Off to strong start.
  - iii. Transition period
  - iv. ELA has been finishing up first unit..
  - v. Increase in PLTW classes offered this year.
  - vi. SS is taking the lead in Global Ed.
  - vii. Math: level of rigor and academia increased.
  - viii. Confident that best is yet to come.
  - ix. Employees of the month: Lugo/Douglas
  - x. Balamane baby announcement. (Sending great thoughts/well wishes.)
- c. School Culture:
  - i. Garden project kicked off Saturday, Sept. 18. Grant funded through "Whole Kids" from Whole Foods
  - ii. Athletics taking off. Hosting first VB games at home. Soccer team is traveling and has continued its undefeated streak. (2-0-1).
  - iii. Jimenez is our new Athletic Director.
  - iv. New building = new opportunities. Innovation lab is used for eSports, Cyberpatriot, 3D printing, VR, etc.
  - v. Flex period improvement
- d. Business/Community Partnerships:
  - i. Innovation lab sponsored by System 76
  - ii. Partnership with Latino Health Access: Parent, Staff, Student training. (Condor trainings this week, Heritage trainings next week). Holistic approach to build capacity and understanding of mental health needs. Goal: to create and build Mental Health Embassadors.
  - iii. Tomorrow: Grief Sensitive Training after school for staff.
  - iv. Partnering with Healthy Smiles: students are given dental education. If forms are signed and returned free dental services will be provided in October.
  - v. Continuing Angels Partnership: 200 tickets provided for upcoming Sunday Angels game.
  - vi. Cal-United Striker Partnership: Choir sings anthem, soccer scrimmages at half-time. This month's SOM winners will receive an award on the field before the game and attend the game in the owners VIP suite. Kicking off fundraising campaign - \$10 where Vista will keep 75% of profits. Official game is on Saturday, October 16th, 2021. 2 players will be presenting at assembly on Monday and will return for

the soccer unit in PE. Thanks to Ms. Ceci for connecting Vista to the team!

- e. Professional Development:
  - i. Teacher only day for Global Ed in September
  - ii. 7-11 Donation funded 10 minute chair massages for teachers. (Donation \$711, massages cost \$704 -- it was "meant to be")

## **VIII. English Learner Update/ Actualización principiante inglés**

### **a. SELAC Consolidation Vote**

- i. Provided by Mr. Bailey monthly.
- ii. Not much to report currently. The early part of the year: 4 new students who required initial ELPAC assessment. (For students new to CA schools that register as second language homes).
- iii. Designated ELD classes here at Vista. Goal: ELD and community connection to school at large. Focus on support and integration. Name change to "Language and Communication". Supports will be developed as the year progresses.

### **b. SELAC Update**

- i. Next Month Vote (no quorum today): SELAC (student english language advisory committee): almost 50% of students are ELL. How are these students getting the supports they need and deserve? 2 options:
- ii. SELAC committee with monthly meetings (SSC x2 a month)
- iii. Wrap SELAC into SSC for update/discussion (benefit: no second meeting. Traditionally this is what Vista chooses).

## **IX. New Business/ Nuevo Negocios**

### **a. WASC Update**

1. WASC sends teams of educators to analyze the school and accredit the school. At the end of the visit a report of strengths and areas of growth is provided. Accreditation= diplomas are valid upon graduation.
2. Starting point: Write comprehensive report of school created by school staff/teachers. "WASC Self-Study".
3. Self-Study is due Monday, Sep 27, 2021
4. WASC will visit November 8-10 virtually (due to pandemic)
5. Chairperson is a charter leader (principal of Magnolia in San Diego).
6. Details of visit will be announced/shared before the visit.
7. Visiting team is not coming to "punish" or find problems. Their job is to take our report and validate it.

8. End of visit results: 6 year accreditation. 6 year accreditation with 3 year check-in partway. 3 year accreditation. No accreditation and follow-up visit the following year.
9. Dr. Felch: Almost guaranteed there is no 6 year accreditation because Meridian is brand-new. WASC will probably want to return for accreditation when current Meridian freshman are seniors.
10. Dr. Felch and Mr. Bailey have been WASC visitors so they are confident in the process.

**b. ESSER III Funding Feedback**

c. Will most likely be led by Mr. Bailey, today led by Dr. Felch

d. CARES Act: Additional pandemic funding for schools.

e. Federal funding.

i. ESSER 1: Use in the next year.

ii. ESSER 2: Use by 2023.

iii. ESSER 3: must be used by September 2024.

1. ESSER 3: Heritage = (approximately) 950K funding.

2. Heritage budget has already been planned for, this is additional funding.

3. How do we think we can leverage/utilize these funds over the next 2 years for:

a. Must submit a plan by October 2021 and must be approved by the board on October 18th, 2021

4. Allocations:

a. Safe In-Person Learning: Mental health/physical, etc.

b. Addressing loss of instructional time:

c. 3 other district plans have been viewed to help plan be created.

d. What does SSC want to prioritize?

i. Counselor: new one can be funded by ESSER 3

1. Montoya's counselor position will be continuing into next year (budgeted in regular school budget).

ii. Hire School Nurse: can be funded by ESSER 3

1. Bailey question/answer: if we decide to fund a position that would continue after 2024, school would assume the cost after 2024 in the regular budget.

iii. Building related upgrades/etc: can be funded by regular school budget if counselor position is funded by ESSER III.

1. Afterschool Intervention:

a. Gonzalez: Addressing instruction box -- after school intervention program. Flex is not enough time.

- b. Zoila: SSC representative who attended Condor SSC yesterday. Focus on afterschool means that there is specific time for staff to support students without losing time during academic day.
- 2. Nurse: Mello: Nurse idea -- students are being injured/sick and a professional on-campus to handle injuries/etc. would benefit athletes and student body. Professional for COVID symptoms, cases, contact-tracing, etc.
  - a. Dr. Felch: contact tracing for COVID case takes approximately 5-6 hours of time.
  - b. Gonzalez: Chronic illnesses/access to medications, etc.
  - c. Montoya “highly supports” ideas of nurse on campus. Supports athletics/athletics program as well.
- 3. Mental Health Needs:
  - a. Zoila: Students need more support for trauma. CPR training.
  - b. Gonzalez: Trauma informed training.
- 4. Green-space:
  - a. Gonzalez: lack of space is understandable, but can we use funds to add some green space?
  - b. Dr. Felch: ESSER funds cannot be used for green space, but if we use ESSER funds for current programs school budgets can be used for green space projects, etc.
  - c. Zoila: Can we bring the green inside?
  - d. Dr. Felch: Bringing green in could probably be ESSER fund eligible because it supports student mental health.
- 5. Athletics:
  - a. Zoila: Water polo: Memorial Pool in Santa Ana is offering free water-polo activities but only 1 student was interested.
  - b. Use funds to rent pool to establish water polo team/swim team. (In water polo swimming is usually taught first).
  - c. Dr. Felch and Mr. Jimenez are working on CIF application.
- 6. Libraries:
  - a. Mr. Bailey: Use funds to buy library books for students below grade level reading. Increase our libraries and the books for all students.
- 7. ELD Curriculum:
  - a. Mr. Bailey: most ELD curriculum is attached to ELA curriculum. We have a Readers/Writers curriculum so we don’t need to invest in a new curriculum just to get an ELD curriculum.
- 8. Transportation:

- a. Mr. Montoya: Planning ahead for college tours. Extra school bus or van for field trips/college tours/etc that would not affect the current transportation schedule/vehicles.
  - b. Dr. Felch: Most cost-effective to use our own transportation or rent. A new vehicle = a new driver hire. Tricky scenario. ESSER funds cannot be used otherwise the bus/van would have to go away after 2024.
  - c. Zoila: Training as bus/van drivers available?
  - d. Dr. Felch: Unsure if ESSER funds can be used for driver training..
9. EQ Curriculum:
- a. Gonzalez: Social-emotional intelligence curriculum to support Council and help address whole child outreach.
  - b. Dr. Felch: Condor uses Second Step.
10. School Lunch
- a. Rakeem: Using ESSER funding for healthier and better tasting lunches. Today: Grilled cheese was not consumed because he is lactose intolerant. No alternatives were provided today. Today all there was grilled cheese, apple, carrots. Rakeem was unaware there were alternative.
  - b. Dr. Felch: Before COVID salads were provided.
  - c. Rakeem : Yes but they would run out fast.
  - d. Mr. Bailey: 1 day a week salad bar. Idea for future.
  - e. Gonzalez: Farm-to-table experiences with our Vista Garden to lunches.
  - f. Mello: Healthy, organic, fresh diet are a great idea for all.
11. Femine Hygiene
- a. Gonzalez: Feminist club
  - b. Yuli: Use money for pads/tampons for girls.
  - c. Dr. Felch: new CA bill -- all schools must provide hygiene by a certain date. Use funds elsewhere because it is already being provided.
  - d. Zoila: How can we provide hygiene with gender neutral bathrooms?
  - e. Gonzalez: Common space in the restroom so it's available for all and so supervision staff can monitor use.
  - f. Dr. Felch: Currently only Condor is using boys/girls restrooms. Yes, we should collaborate, not on funding but on placement.
  - g. Zoila: Think of girls who are more shy when needing feminine hygiene. New building needs all girls/all boys restrooms? In discussions.
5. Any other budget feedback? No.

## **X. Public Comments/Comentarios Público**

- a. Zoila: Cafeteria is all white walls. Can we put up art/pictures/etc. to make the new cafeteria look more personalized, can be school-spirit related.
- b. Mello: Art would love to take the lead on developing and collaborating to create this.
- c. Dr. Felch: Fly-through of new building included cool cafeteria decal. Cafeteria decal was not ordered, even though it was in the video. Final decal was really expensive and wasn't purchased. Instead of doing full decal: mural is possible (it is permanent so it must be really good), or hang up student art, photos, etc. that can be changed.
- d. Mr. Bailey: New furniture will change the feel of the cafeteria when it arrives. (Currently it is in shipping along with desks/chairs/etc.)
- e. Mello: Concern with look can be addressed with an art contest (collaboration with Art Society) that is school-wide. This allows for more control of aesthetic and input from school community
- f. Zoila: Really happy to be back. Her heritage student loves being here and would stay here all day if he could.

## **XI. Announcements/Anuncios**

### **a. Regular Meeting Dates and Times**

- b. Monthly on 4th Wednesday of the month?
- c. Gonzalez: push to another day and maybe 4 p.m.
- d. Montoya: Tuesday at 4 p.m. proposal
- e. Zoila: Not back to back Tuesdays because of Condor.
- f. Dr. Felch: Later in the month request. Board meetings are every 3rd Monday of the month.
- g. Dr. Felch: Third Thursday of the month? Most nod their head in agreement.
- h. Motion by Dr. Felch for 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 3:45 p.m.. Seconded by Mello.**
- i. Passed by majority: 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.**
- j. Next meeting is Thursday, October 21st at 3:45 p.m.**
- k. Meetings can be adjusted if holidays/breaks interfere.



## **XII. Adjournment**

- a. Walker motions to adjourn. Montoya seconds. All in favor.
- b. Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.