

**MINUTES OF SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING
EMERY PARK
NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeremy Infranca (Principal), Joni Wong (Assistant Principal), Linh Ly (Instructional Specialist), Nanette Thompson (Special Projects Asst.), Christine Carter-Duong (Teacher), Cassandra Rivera (Health Office Staff), Dr. Gloria Fernandez (Teacher), Joycelyn Groseth (Teacher), Amy Keller (Parent), Olivia Estrada (Parent), Julia Padilla (Parent), Paola Sanchez (Parent), John Chae (Counselor), Teena Santiago (Guest) - Quorum met

ABSENT: Thomas Quintana (Parent-Guest), Robert Solis (Parent), Ignacio Mata (Parent),

CALL TO ORDER: Christine Carter called the meeting to order at 7:05 am and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting on 10/11/18, Cassandra Rivera motioned to approve the minutes, Christine Carter seconded, and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PRINCIPALS REPORT - Jeremy Infranca

Principal Infranca thanked everyone for coming, welcoming our newest members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. I want to thank my staff for facilitating our annual Title 1 Meeting. We know there was a lot of data discussed at that meeting, but today I want to talk about school safety. A lot of what goes in to the school safety plans are ideas gathered from here. We also recently met with teachers to discuss the safety at the school, specifically what we are doing right and what we can improve on. Some of the ideas from the meeting are posted around the room here.

WHAT WE ARE DOING RIGHT:

Our yard supervisors are very visible. They have bright vests which are a district standard. We have increased our morning security, we have only one door of entry. One of our strongest improvement is the raptor system which everyone must go through to get on to the campus. It is a great tool to keep our kids safe. We have a more secure north parking lot. It is now locked in the mornings and afternoons. We added 2 feet to our gate on the Meridian side near the auditorium to make it more secure. We do not have an 8 hour supervisor right now as Mr. Nico has moved on, but we hope to replace that position soon. We have a very vigilant staff on campus. The district is also vigilant in patrolling our campus and they are always on call. Even with minor issues they will come and help. We have a great relationship with the Alhambra Police Department, thank goodness we have not needed them. We also conduct monthly drills to impart muscle memory to students with the various bells and how to react.

WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE:

We have some issues with students going up the stairs on the wrong side causing congestion. We are trying to help the flow with keeping them to the right hand side when they go up. We have sent out bulletins, regarding this issue. We need to make sure people checking out

children are following all protocols. We always need to make sure to ask over the intercom who is at the front door and not just allow people in. Morning valet was also brought up. We do alright, but we have had some close calls.

Parent Julia Padilla: There used to be more teachers/staff at the valet drop off, what happened to that support?

Principal Infranca: The student volunteers were facilitated through ASB and they have not been able to organize yet. We would be happy to have the kids out there, but it really helps to have more adults around. This is all something we will work on.

Parent Teena Santiago: It seems to be very congested when there are less adults out there.

Parent Olivia Estrada: Is it possible to make the street a one way of traffic zone during pick up?

AP Wong: It is a residential street, so getting it painted or altered is very difficult. Unfortunately all schools have this same problem.

Principal Infranca: This is a big concern and all things we should discuss with our Safety Officer.

Discussion ensued about the problems in the morning with much concern from parents about the traffic/student drop off issues.

Principal Infranca: We will continue with these discussions and the issues will be things we can vote on later in the year.

Assistant Principal Joni Wong stated that we have two main goals, school safety and a positive environment. With that in mind, we have our Gateway to Success/Intervention Advisor John Chae to talk about some positive attendance strategies.

I.A. Chae shared a report on attendance at Emery Park. Our school is on target for attendance, compared to last year? There are a lot of numbers in the unexcused columns of the absences. The tardies, you can see, we have 611 tardies total, half of which come from 4th and 5th grade.

Parent Amy Keller: What is the time frame for this data?

I.A. Chae: It is from beginning of school to today

It has become a part of the class/grade level culture where if they see the behavior of someone being late, it is repeated. We know who we can focus on, and we need to target that group. We will encourage people to get ready before school and work on time management.

Parent Teena Santiago: Is time management taught here?

I.S. Ly: At the beginning of the school year most teachers try to discuss this.

Principal Infranca: We try to remind parents of this message in the weekly bulletin and bring it up to the students at the Thursday assembly, but we can always do more.

Parent Amy Keller: My husband is a teacher and he suspects some people don't even realize they have to call in?

Teacher Carter: With Ms. Liz in the office, she is very good at making sure the parents know. She gives the teacher a form with specific information that has to be signed by the parent of the child and she calls parents as well.

Principal Infranca: There was a time when schools were punitive, but that doesn't make sense anymore. We want to partner with families. Many times there are reasons the child is absent, so we want to offer resources to the families to help instead of punish..

SSC ELECTION UPDATE:

I.s Ly announce our three new members Julia Padilla, Paola Sanchez who are both here and Thomas Quintana who could not make it today...welcome and thank you!

TECHNOLOGY:

On October 19th, we received three new Chromebook carts from the district, which is wonderful! 2 of the smaller carts went to Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade and the larger cart went to 6th and 7th grade. In your packet there is the result of the additional technology survey we sent out to our staff in October at Emery Park.

I.S. Ly then took the parents through the results

Parent Amy Keller: How many teachers took the survey?

I.S. Ly: The survey was sent out twice and we received 16 responses back.

Parent Amy Keller: So if we had more carts, teachers would use them more?

Dr. Fernandez: Yes

Discussion ensued about various technology issues.

I.S. Ly informed the group that the responses showed that most of the staff prefer Chromebook carts. Students mostly use Chromebook to take online assessments, which we have a total of 8 now, so that is great for us.

Computer lab use responses varied greatly. The computer lab is being used, but it seems not as much as the carts. We have a mixture of desired technology at Emery Park. We need to see how much money we have at the end of the year to make a decision, but the 3 additional carts really help to support the school.

Dr. Fernandez: It would be nice to have one per grade level.

I.S. Ly: Yes, we are trying to get there.

Parent Olivia Estrada: What is preferred?

I.S. Ly: The district prefers Chromebooks for testing.

Parent Olivia Estrada: Are children allowed to bring their own tablets to school since we don't have enough?

I.S. Ly: No, they aren't.

Parent Teena Santiago: Does it have to be a Chromebook? Are there cheaper options available?

I.S. Ly: We do have a tablet cart, but it is old and teachers prefer the Chromebook. With the tablets, there were many issues and the Chromebooks are more affordable and versatile. They are also compatible for upper and lower grades. Keep in mind that devices really affect the student testing, a mouse is necessary for tasks on the test, so the Chromebook is preferred.

A.P. Wong: Keep in mind that we have to go through the district to purchase any devices.

ELPAC RESULTS:

ELPAC stands for English Language Proficiency Assessment for California and it replaces the CELDT and is given to EL learners. Last year was the pilot year for ELPAC.

The group was taken through all results, which parents have also received for their child.

Parent Amy Keller: Can you explain how someone gets in to the EL program?

I.S. Ly: If parents indicate that they speak another language at home, then the student will be placed in the EL program. Initial ELPAC assessment will be given to the student to determine the English Language proficiency level.

Parent Amy Keller: What do you do different with EL students?

I.S. Ly: All teachers have set aside 30 minutes for designated ELD time in the classroom. They also integrate ELD in to all class lessons. Students which have been in EL longer than 5 years also get pulled for English 3D program which provides additional support.

DAC MEETING 10/22/2018:

If you have a middle school child, the high schools are looking at math inventory test results as well as SBAC and using those items as recommendations for placement in high school. They want parents to know that it is recommended, but not required. It is ultimately up to parents to decide which math course they want their child to take.

This is the pilot year for a new program called Agile Minds. It is a math program intended to help our students who struggle with math. It is a collaborative model of teaching math. All high schools are rolling it out this year.

Parent Olivia Estrada: When they go in to sophomore year will it delay the student if they are in the Agile Mind program?

I.S. Ly: No, it is meant to catch the student up.

Teacher Carter: Agile Minds is a good thing. I have students that are far below grade level. If they continue on that track it will put them behind. This option is a great way to catch the student up, then the student can get back into the integrated classes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Teacher Christine Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:59 a.m.