

Academy for Academic Excellence
School Site Council/English Learner Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 8, 2025

1. Call to Order – Brandi Peterson 3:43pm.

2. Roll Call

| First Name & Last Name | Representing | Start Term | End Term | Attendance |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Chet Richards | Principal | 09/07/2018 | | Present |
| Kathryn Lucas | Teacher | 10/24/2024 | 10/17/2024 | Present |
| Kristel Stocker | Teacher | 10/24/2024 | 10/17/2024 | Present |
| Varteni Krikorian | MS/HS Vice Principal | 09/21/2023 | 10/17/2024 | Present |
| Maria Fierro | Class. Staff | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Present |
| April Vincent | Parent | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Absent |
| Maya Rivas | Parent | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Absent |
| Brandi Peterson | Parent | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Present |
| Elizabeth Chapman | Student | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Present |
| Ward Halwani | Student | 09/21/2023 | 09/21/2025 | Absent |

3. Public Comments

Discussion regarding AP Capstone: There is a concern about cutting the program. Mr. Richards noted a plan is in place, but enrollment and staffing remain issues. Students expressed hesitation about enrollment due to uncertainty about teacher assignments. Emphasis placed on maintaining fiscal responsibility while supporting student interest. Possible teacher assignments discussed (Robinett or Delahoussaye).

4. SSC Business

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Mrs. Lucas, seconded by Elizabeth Chapman. Motion carried.

5. ELD Planning Updates

Designated ELD teachers will continue next year; stipends remain unchanged. There is a \$5,000 compensation incentive for teachers earning EL1A credential (class and/or exam). The school has created a new ELD paraprofessional position at the elementary level to rotate support. Para qualifications: must pass basic skills test and be bilingual (Spanish preferred/required).

6. LCAP Approval

Reviewed LCAP funding allocations for Goals 1–3.

- **Goal 1:** Academic success and support (funding for labs, paras, testing, curriculum, teacher training, IT support, etc.).
- **Goal 2:** College/career readiness and enrichment (dual enrollment, AP testing, field trips, ROTC, arts, summer math classes).

- **Goal 3:** Campus safety and climate (CSOs, technology, CKH training, equity/inclusion).

The team discussed possible impacts of the dissolution of the U.S. Department of Education on Title funding. It is noted that some expenditures may be adjusted as funding availability changes.

- **Approval of LCAP Review:** Motion by Brandi Peterson; seconded by Ward Halwani. Motion carried.

7. Dress Code Approval

Revised dress code approved. Emphasis on professional environment. Colors: navy, black, gray, white. Emblems must be coverable by hand. Outerwear, hats, and spirit wear must meet uniform standards. Jeans (black/khaki) permitted. Spirit wear reserved for Fridays/spirit days.

Cell Phone Policy: New policy to be implemented next year. Students may not use phones during class. Admin will confiscate if not used for instructional purposes. Teachers expected to support and enforce policy. Option to use phone boxes in classrooms; school to provide if requested.

- **Approval of dress code and cellphone policy:** Motion by Ward Halwani Ward moved; seconded by Mrs. Lucas. Motion carried.

Additional Comments

Teacher professional development should be more tailored to grade-level needs (example: OG for early literacy).

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Brandi Peterson. Second: Elizabeth Chapman.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:32 PM

Next Meeting Date: TBD