

Academy for Academic Excellence  
School Site Council/English Learner Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 20, 2025

**1. Call to Order** – Brandi Peterson at 3:35 pm.

**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	Absent
Kristel Stocker	Teacher	10/24/2024	10/17/2024	Absent
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	Arrived at 3:42
Maya Rivas	Parent	09/21/2023	09/21/2025	Present
Brandi Peterson	Parent	09/21/2023	09/21/2025	Present
Elizabeth Chapman	Student	09/21/2023	09/21/2025	Present
	Student	09/21/2023	09/21/2025	Absent
Ward Halwani				

**3. Public Comments:**

The snack bar has been successful for both middle school and high school students. Kids are happy to have new items available for purchase.

**4. SSC Business - Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes by Peterson, seconded by Krikorian and Richards

**5. ELD Planning Updates**

The two teachers currently leading ELD classes received a stipend of \$1200 per semester, with payments made in December and upcoming in June. Teachers appreciate the compensation.

With the resignation of Jacqueline DeSantiago, the ELAC representative position is vacant. Ms. Rivas has been nominated to join as the new representative. She accepted the position.

There are ongoing negotiations taking place for teacher training (formerly CLAD) with incentives up to \$5000 per teacher which include paid tuition for courses/testing.

**6. Building updates/snack bar**

The administration has received positive feedback on the snack bar; students are pleased with the options.

The Middle school bathrooms are being updated with individual restrooms (7 in total, 5 for students, 2 for staff). This will prevent extensive damage and allow easier management.

There are comments about AIMS Construction working on the wash and their first focus will be on putting up a permanent fence and bridge in the back of the school.

New signage for the administration building is being installed, and a crosswalk is being painted dividing the two north parking lots for better school identification and safety.

## **7. SARC and LCAP updates**

The SARC report will be posted on the website after board approval. It includes demographics, test scores, suspension/expulsion rates, expenditures, and salaries.

LCAP goals focus on curriculum improvements, intervention programs (Knights Lab for reading and Math Lab), field trips, and maintaining safe facilities with a positive school climate. This plan is to be presented in April for review, with approval scheduled for May.

## **8. Ethnic Studies Updates**

A meeting on Ethnic Studies will be held in March, with the public review of the curriculum to follow. The curriculum is being developed by Ngyuen and Street, and a syllabus draft will be shared for parent input.

## **9. Comprehensive Safety Plan revisions**

The safety plan has been updated to include walkout protocols and information about Saturday school funding.

### **Questions/Comments:**

Mrs. Vincent inquired about the interventions provided to suspended students. Mr. Richards explained about the ALC (Alternative Learning Center) set in lieu of 'in-school' suspension. The program is working to address behavior issues, with weekly check-ins, counseling, and goal setting for students. Suspension rates are rising, mainly due to vape pens and defiant behavior. The school is doing their best to address outside influences, providing additional support for students.

Ms. Peterson inquired about running again next year. It is not restricted in the bylaws and previous members have served for more than one term.

The council was informed that on 1/23, Ms. Jacqueline DeSantiago emailed the council's secretary to notify her of the need to resign due to time conflicts. Mrs. Maya Rivas has been asked to take the role of ELAC Representative for this committee. The council voted unanimously to remove Ms. Ruby Sandoval from this council/committee due to chronic absenteeism.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn: C. Richards. Second by: V. Krikorian.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/20/25.