



Latino Parent Advisory Committee
Family Resource Center
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September 28, 2023

Minutes

1.0 Welcome - Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (President) welcomed all members and guests and asked for a motion to start the meeting at 9:38 am. The first motion was made by Rosa Arana and seconded by Adela Roldan. Motion approved. She also welcomed Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez who greeted those present. Patricia Mosqueda (President) requested motions to make changes to the agenda, so that Sandra Arreola (Vice President) read the norms instead of Adela Hernandez (Parliamentarian). The first motion was given by Rosa Arana and was seconded by Martha Hernandez, the motion was approved.

1.1 Norms - By Sandra Arreola (Vice President)

- 1- Please silence your phone.
- 2- Remain silent during the presentation. You can use the raise your hand option or type a question in the chat section or put your question on the cards provided to you. If you are not a current member at the time of the meeting, you cannot vote, move a motion, or second a motion. A link to become a member will be posted in the chat section.
- 3- If you are speaking, pause for translation.

2.0 Roll Call – Mrs. Daniela Olivares (Secretary) welcomed everyone present and asked those who accompanied us via Zoom to write their name in the chat and the school they represent.

The following schools were represented:

1. **Cleveland** - Rosa Arana.
2. **Franklin** –Lorena Duran, Ángeles Cortes.
3. **Grunsky** - Sandra Arreola
4. **HCA** - Adela Castro.
5. **Hong Kingston** –Maria D. Olivares.
6. **PLA** –Marisela Núñez.
7. **PYA** - Lorena Duran, Ángeles Cortes.
8. **Pittman** - Adela Castro, Patricia Mosqueda, Cristina Soria.
9. **San Joaquín** - Shirley Garcia, Adela Hernandez, Irma Rubio.
10. **Weber** – Maria D. Olivares, Patricia Mosqueda, Adela Roldan.

A total of 31 parent representatives and guests were present. The staff of the Family Resource Center was also present; Parent Liaison: Stephanie Zulueta, Maggie Canela, Roberto Olivares Jr, Jessica Griffin, Community Assistant: Pamela Walker, and Administrative Assistant: Nasya Castanon. Dr. Susana Ramirez; Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Alisia Lopez interpreter from SUSD, Julyssa Ortega and Keisha Gonzalez representatives from the Child Welfare and Assistance (CWA) department.

3.0 Changes to the agenda - Ms. Sandra Arreola (Vice President) reported that there were no more changes to the agenda, in addition to what Patricia Mosqueda (President) had already made at the beginning of the meeting.

4.0 Reading and Approval of the Minutes - Mrs. Daniela Olivares (Secretary) gave 5 minutes for the minutes of April 20, 2023 and the minutes of May 18, 2023 to be read. The following corrections were made in the minutes of May 18: in 3.0, Ms. Rosa Arana corrected the following words: rectified by certificates, will attend by will attend, would had by would have. A motion was called to approve the minutes and corrections. The first motion was made by Rosa Arana and was seconded by Martha Hernandez, everyone was in favor, the motion was approved.

5.0 Previous business - Sandra Arreola (Vice President) mentioned that there was no previous business, and that all questions from previous meetings were answered on the same day of the meeting.

6.0 New Business – Mrs. Patricia Mosqueda (President).

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez introduced herself and asked for time to thank parents for their support and for being part of our children's educational system, saying that parents are the first teachers at home, and part of the solution for students' academic success. She also extended the invitation to join her on October 18, 2023 at Franklin High School at 9:30 am. And she asked us to add it to the agenda of our next Latino PAC meeting. Adela Roldan mentioned that a DELAC meeting is scheduled that same day and time. The superintendent said she will review her agenda and would speak with those in charge to coordinate both meetings.

6.1 Presentation about the attendance and well-being of children. (CWA)

Presenters Keisha Gonzalez and Julyssa Ortega from the CWA (Child Welfare and Attendance) department shared a video about the importance of student attendance at school. They told us that by law students from 6 to 18 years old must attend classes full time. We were informed of the permitted or excused absences which are, personal illness, COVID quarantine, medical or dental appointment, funeral for an immediate family member (one day if the service is in California, three days if the service is out of state), jury service (for students 18 years of age or older), participation in religious instruction or exercises, medical appointments for children of custodial teen parents. They made it clear to us that family vacations are never justified absences. They also informed us of the Truancy process where parents will be notified if the student has missed 3, 6 or 9 unexcused absences, has arrived late for 30 minutes or leaves school early 30 minutes before the end of school hours. , or combination of absences and tardiness. When your child is too sick to attend school, a doctor's note is necessary so that it is not counted as an unexcused absence. You must call the school every day to inform them that your child will be missing classes and mention the reason. Let's remember that attendance is a vital and important skill, school is your child's job, their salary is the grade they receive. Getting your child to school

on time, every day, unless sick, is your responsibility. While others can help, you are the bottom line.

School refusal is an absence that can be a sign that the student is losing interest in school, or having difficulties in school activities, having a problem with bullying or some difficult problem. Note! If your child makes excuses for missing school, such as headaches, stomachaches, etc. When you are going to have an exam, assignments to present, or some other project during the week. If your child is going to miss many days, you can make an independent study contract where the days to be missed will be documented and a package of homework will be given to him/her. The contract will be invalidated if the material is not delivered on time. and if the student does not return to class on the specified date.

The following questions were asked by the parents present:

- Ms. Sandra Arreola asked if the student misses class, is it counted as chronic absence, even if the school is notified? **R=** It does count as chronic absence.
- Ms. Lucila Mendoza asked: Is the student absent for the entire day if the student arrives late or leaves before the end of the school day? **A=** After three times you pick up the student early from school or arrive late it will be counted as one full day.
- Ms. Melva Ortiz asked what she had to do when a child was removed from special education classes for bad behavior and counted as an absence? **A=** He was advised to speak with the school director to clarify how to proceed .
- Ms. Irma Rubio asked why students who have good grades, good behavior and catch up very quickly are not excused for absences, even if they do not attend school? **A=** It was explained to her that family vacations are never excused absences, even if the student is an excellent student, by law he has to follow the same rules for all students without exception.
- Mrs. Cristina Soria asked why errors appeared on her son's report card if she always delivered the medical certificate to the school when she took him to the doctor. **A=** It was explained to her that, although he would provide medical proof , the absence was still an absence, but this absence was justified and did not count towards formulating chronic absence letters. Remember that you have up to 5 days to clear an unexcused absence as excused if you bring the doctor's note to school.
- How many days can the student be absent without a note ? medical ? **R=** Up to 14 days per school year without justification.
- Dr. Susana Ramirez also gave her opinion about the district's rules and reminded parents that we have the obligation to inform the school of the cause of the student's absence so that they do not have a bad attendance record.
- Ms. Rosalba Mendoza commented on her experience about the independent study package, she said that her daughter had had an accident and this package was given to her , and although it was delivered on time, it was not told to her and she had to return until the next semester. For her, studying at home is not recommended or a good option.
- Ms. Lucila Mendoza commented that it was good that this presentation was given to us since we parents thought that the CWA department was only there to complain to us about the students' absences, but now we know what the true function of their department is. , who are here to help us and find solutions to ensure that students do not miss school since absences harm academic performance. **A=** The CWA representatives were very pleased that we realized what their true function is, what they do; and that they are here to investigate the cause or reason why the student is absent in order to help solve the cause so that the student does not miss classes.

6.2 LCAP.

Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (President), welcomed Dr. Susana Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services, who along with Ms. Tiffany Ashworth, Administrator of State and Federal Programs (Administrator , State & Federal Programs).

They informed us that there will be events to collect information, and that they will ask us for space in our meetings to bring us detailed reports on LCAP and its progress.

A survey will open in October 2023 to collect information which will close until February 2024. You can send your suggestions, comments or questions by email to LCAP@stockton.usd.net .

The following questions were asked:

- Ms. Lorena Duran asked how many meetings will be held, what will be the schedule and duration of the meeting? **A=** In total there will be 7 meetings, which will be held in the morning and afternoon, to give the entire community the opportunity to participate. And they will be approximately two hours per meeting.
- Ms. Ángeles Cortés mentioned that we can also find a lot of information about LCAP on the District website .

Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (President) asked for two motions to extend the meeting indefinitely, the first motion was made by Ms. Lorena Duran, the second by Ms. Ángeles Cortés , all were in favor and the motion was approved.

6.3 Review of the Latino PAC Committee Bylaws.

Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (President), read the bylaws of the Latino PAC committee.

7.0 Reports - Mrs. Patricia Mosqueda (president) gave the following reports.

7.1 PAC - Ms. Lorena Duran (secretary) gave the date of the next PAC committee meeting which will be Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the District offices.

7.2 AABPAC – There was no report.

7.3 CAC – Mrs. Monique Guerrero, reported that the meeting will be on November 29, 2023 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in room number 15 in the offices of the Family Resource Center. (FRC). She also extended the invitation to the Parent Educational Presentations (PEP) meeting that will take place on October 25, 2023 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Family Resource Center, room number 15.

7.4 DELAC- Shirley Garcia reported that the next DELAC meeting will be on October 18, 2023 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the Adult School.

8.0 Announcements - Ms. Sandra Arreola (vice president) informed us of the following:

8.1 The next meeting of the Latino PAC committee will be on October 19, 2023 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, at the Family Resource Center (FRC).

8.2 They were invited every Friday to parent coffee time at the Family Resource Center starting at 10:00 am. This Friday, September 29, 2023 we will have a presentation by Mr. Pedro Heredia, mental health therapist at 10:30 am where we will have a workshop to make meditation tools.

8.3 The next food pantry distribution will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at the Family Resource Center from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

8.4 If you are interested in taking a computer course please contact the Family Resource Center for more information. A minimum of 20 people are needed for this course to take place. The schedule would be in the afternoon from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and childcare will be provided. The day has not yet been decided until they register, but it would be Monday or Wednesday.

9.0 *Adjournment* - Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (President) asked for a motion to conclude the meeting at 11:21 am. The first motion was made by Ms. Rosalba Mendoza and was seconded by Ms. Adela Castro. Everyone was in favor, no one was against. The motion was approved.

Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (president) thanked everyone present for joining us for our first Latino PAC meeting of the school year.

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Family Resource Centers

Maggie Canela · Nasya Castanon · Jessica Griffin-Brown · Robert Olivarez, Jr · Pamela Walker · Stephanie Zulueta