

# Latino Parent Advisory Committee 5th Meeting

Family Resource Center

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# February 21, 2025 *Minutes*

**1.0 Welcome-** Mrs. Sandra Arreola (president) welcomed all parents and presenters at the meeting, including the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Family Engagement, Dr. Rogers, and Ms. Ashlee Frades, State and Federal Programs Administrator. She called for a motion to call the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Mrs. Elizabet Cardona made the first motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Bertha Sierra. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

2.0 Norms- Ms. Karen Garcia (parliamentarian) read the meeting norms.

**3.0 Roll Call-** Ms. Adela Hernandez (secretary) welcomed all those present and asked that they write their name on the sign-in sheet and those who were with us via Zoom to write their name in the chat and the school they represented.

The following schools were represented:

- 1. August Rosa Reyes, Leticia Albor.
- 2. Chavez- Leticia Albor.
- 3. Cleveland—Rosa Arana.
- 4. Fillmore- Ana Maria De La Luz.
- 5. Franklin-Lorena Duran, Ángeles Cortés, Adriana Vidales, Cristina Soria, Ana Maria De La Luz.
- 6. **Grunsky** Maria Ramirez, Elizabet Cardona, Vianney Hidalgo Marin.
- 7. **Hazelton** Carmen Morado, Veronica Huizar.
- 8. Health Careers Academy- Adela Castro, Irma Rubio, Vianney Hidalgo Marin.
- 9. Hong Kingston Karen Garcia, Erika Gragg.
- 10. Kohl- Sylvia Guardia, Susana Alberts.
- 11. McKinley-Francisca Vargas.
- 12. Pacific Law Academy-Maricela Nuñez, Rosa Arana.
- 13. **Pittman-**Patricia Mosqueda, Adela Castro, Sandra Arreola, Sylvia Guardia, Bertha Sierra, Carolina Molina.
- 14. **PYA-** Ángeles Cortés, Lorena Duran.
- 15. Rio Calaveras- Susana Alberts.
- 16. San Joaquín Adela Hernández, Liliana Torres, Zully Lopez, Mayra Gazcon, Gladys Lopez.
- 17. SECA-Veronica Merino, Adriana Vidales.
- 18. Weber Patricia Mosqueda, Bertha Prado, Carolina Molina.
- 19. Wilson- Bertha Prado.
- 20. Community members—Lucila Mendoza, Gladys Pazos, Eudet Dina.

### Parents who may not have completed their membership but have children in the District:

- 21. Fillmore- Norma Martinez.
- 22. **Grunsky** Nallely Sanchez.
- 23. Hong Kingston- Amada Gonzalez, Jannet Valdiosera.
- 24. Pittman- Sergio Garcia, Christian Seminario.
- 25. Family Resource Center Staff- Dr. Rogers, Director of the FRC. Claudia Cartagena,

Priscilla Anguiano, Jessica Griffin-Brown, Family Engagement Specialists. Robert Olivarez Jr, Social Worker Assistant. Maggie Canela, Nasya Aldrete, Stephanie Zulueta, Pamela Walker, Kanasha Allen, Parent Liaisons. Genevieve Rodriguez, Program Technician. Solange Rocha, Administrative Assistant.

- 26. **District Staff** Dra.Susana Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services, Ashlee Frades, State and Federal Programs Administrator, Norma Mercado, Sandra Gomez, Language Development Office Interpreters. Daniel Molina, McKinley Parent Liaison.
- 27. Presentors- Yolanda Merino e Itzel Espinoza, El Concilio Social Media & Outreach Specialists.

A total of 60 parent representatives, district staff and invited guests were present.

- **4.0 Changes to the Agenda-** Ms. Sandra Arreola (president) noted changes, which were to replace the name of El Concilio's presenter, Dr. Ines Ruiz Huston, Vice President of Special Programs for El Concilio, with the names Itzel Espinoza and Yolanda Merino, Social Media & Outreach Specialists for El Concilio. A motion was called for to approve the changes. The first motion was made by Ms. Lorena Duran and seconded by Ms. Zully Lopez. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- **5.0 Review and Approve Minutes-** Ms. Adela Hernandez (secretary) gave 5 minutes for the minutes of January 31, 2025 to be read. There were the following corrections. Ms. Lorena Duran, noted on the attendance list under number 15 of the minutes in English, the names of Ms. Liliana Torres, Mayra Gazcon and Ms. Zully Lopez were not listed as representing PYA. Ms. Adela Hernandez (secretary) asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the above mentioned corrections, Ms. Bertha Sierra made the first motion and it was seconded by Ms. Maria Ramirez. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- **6.0 Old Business-** Mrs. Patricia Mosqueda (vice president) noted that there was no previous business, and all questions were answered during the last meeting.
- **7.0** New Business- Ms. Sandra Arreola (president) asked for an apology because the Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, could not make it to the meeting to give her presentation, because she was attending the NABE conference. She asked for a motion to change the presenter to Dr. Roger, Director of the FRC. The first motion was made by Ms. Francisca Vargas and seconded by Ms. Bertha Sierra. All were in favor and the motion was approved. A motion was also requested to make the change to move item 8.0 which would be District Committee Announcements. The first motion was made by Ms. Sylvia Guardia who was seconded by Ms. Zully Lopez. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- **8.0** Announcements from District Committees- Ms. Sandra Arreola (president) opened the floor for the following reports.
  - **8.1** PAC- Ms. Patricia Mosqueda (president) of the PAC committee, gave the date of the next meeting which will be Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Edison High School.
  - **8.2 AABPAC** Claudia Cartagena, Family Engagement Specialist reported that the next meeting will be held on March 5, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Family Resource Center.
  - **8.3** CAC/PEP Claudia Cartagena, Family Engagement Specialist reported that the next meeting will be held on April 10, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Family Resource Center in room 14 and 15.
  - **8.4 DELAC-** Ms. Francisca Vargas (president) of the DELAC committee reported that the next meeting will be held on April 11, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Adult School Auditorium.
- **9.0** Announcements- Mrs. Patricia Mosqueda (Vice President), reported the following announcements:
  - 9.1 LCAP Update.

Ms. Claudia Cartagena informed us Ms. Ashworth was unable to join us at the meeting but we could scan the QR, to fill out the survey. And for the next meeting she would be back to give us the LCAP mid-year update.

9.2 SSC/SPSA Training Announcement/Information.

Ashlee Frades, State and Federal Programs Administrator informed us that she is in charge of reviewing the SPSA/SSC student plans. And there will be parent workshops on these topics in English and Spanish on April 10, 2025 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Edison High School. At Edison High School. Childcare, translation and refreshments will be available.

- **9.3** SUSD Health and Wellness Fair, February 25, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At the Adult School, 1525 Pacific Ave.
- **9.4** Free Grocery Distribution, February 26, 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. At the SUSD Family Resource Center.
- **9.5** Next Latino PAC Meeting, March 7, 2025 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the SUSD Family Resource Center.
- 9.6 Positive Discipline Program Update.

#### 10.0 Presentations.

## 10.1 Presentation by the Director of Diversity, Equity and Family Engagement.

Dr. Rogers informed us how proud he is to work with the Equity Teams. These teams are made up of 5 members which consist of: A principal, a counselor or teacher, a parent, a student and a qualified staff. These teams are formed at the beginning of the school year. What the team does is look at suspensions, low grades at their school sites, discuss what is needed in the areas that can influence the schools, look at the data and make adjustments. We meet with the teams from each school site at Chavez High School. Each team is to choose a leader who will discuss the data collected. These meetings will be held every month. We have a team to oversee the equity teams at each school. This team consists of Dr. Rogers, Dr. Susana Ramirez, Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Dr. Murphy and Kasey Klappenback. Their goal is to listen to parents and with the information provided decide what can be improved at each school represented. Our goal is to have these team meetings completed by April 2026. The goal is to ensure and see that every student succeeds. At the end of the presentation Dr. Rogers answered the following questions:

- **1.-** This is the first time I have heard of this. In my school we have not been told anything, should the school give us information?
- **A=** Yes, there should be better communication, also the information is on facebook, instagram and on the District page.
- **2.-** I noticed this but I observed that it is more behind closed or private doors than open to the public. I don't see equity, I would like it to be more public.
  - A= It is difficult to make it public because we have to choose the representatives and give them training.
- 3.- What happens with the schools that do not take us into account?
  - A= This information is going to be given to the school, for those parents who are not informed of these equity teams.
- **4.** All the parents that are in this meeting are active leaders in their schools and I am concerned that none of them are part of this equity team, I would like there to be more clarity on how they select the representatives of each school, that there is more transparency and that those in charge or responsible for leading these teams supervise the schools and see that they are selecting the parents that are active and really contribute to the school.
  - **A**= We can't do anything about what has already happened, but in the future we will improve. I understand the frustration, I agree, I am going to do a review to talk to Ms. Claudia Cartagena and the PAC'S committees.

#### 10.2 El Concilio Presentation.

Ms. Sandra Arreola (president), welcomed the Social Media and Outreach Specialists, Ms. Itzel Espinoza and Ms. Yolanda Merino, representatives of El Concilio California. They shared with us a presentation to learn about our rights and how to inform parents concerned about their safety, providing information on how to act in encounters with immigration authorities (ICE). Expressing the Constitutional rights that every person has within the United States regardless of their immigration status, mentioning the Fourth Amendment (Protection from unreasonable search and seizure), Fifth Amendment (Right to remain silent) and the right to counsel. This information is provided on the red cards handed out by El Concilio California. El Concilio California recommended that if possible it is best to memorize the information contained on the red card and use it as a last resort as it may be counterproductive to show it as a first resort, where you could incriminate yourself.

They shared scenarios where there might be public encounters with immigration agents: traffic stops, home visits, and what questions might come up;

What information to provide?

What documents to provide?

Who is at risk of being arrested?

They also recommended recording the scene with any device and thus have evidence that could be useful if necessary. Do not open the door and ask if they have a warrant and check that the data is correct and signed by a judge. Do not share too much information and remain calm. They also showed us an example of a legal immigration warrant and one that is not valid and thus be able to differentiate a hoax. They stressed the importance of being prepared and having a family plan such as: writing an affidavit that is notarized and consulting with attorneys for legal and protective services. They provided a service consultation number (209-337-7505) in addition to being able to obtain information at the SUSD Family Resource Center.

Algunas de las preguntas y preocupaciones de los padres que se hicieron fueron:

How reliable is air travel? **A=** They recommended consulting with an attorney as there could be many factors that could change and each case is different.

Are the services provided free of charge? **A**= Consultations with attorneys currently cannot be provided free of charge but there are reduced cost programs.

Is a Real ID necessary to use as identification? **A**= It is not necessary for travel but we will ask the appropriate people.

Is there a number to report abuses by immigration officials? A= It is recommended to take the officer's information and call (559) 206-0151. Faith in the Valley.

With whom can I make a financial power of attorney with a notary or an attorney? A= It is recommended to go to an attorney first.

Is there any possibility of a workshop where we can learn how to make a power of attorney or other important documents? **A**= At the moment we cannot answer this question, but we will ask for this information.

Where can I contact you to verify that a judge's order is real? **A=** We do not have that information but you can consult an attorney for advice.

One of the parents' concerns was that they heard community members commenting that they were selling the red cards. **A**= Representatives from El Concilio California mentioned that there is currently a limit of 2 cards per person to prevent misuse. They added that there is information and a video on their website (<a href="www.elconcilio.org">www.elconcilio.org</a>) warning the community not to fall for scams since the cards are provided free of charge. The community shared situations and open comments about support groups and in-person fairs. Also a parent shared a website called Juntosseguros.com. To see by zip code if there have been any arrests by immigration agents.

11.0 Raffle- As a thank you for the support given to the Latino PAC committee, 9 raffles were held. The winners were:

1 Maria Ramirez	4 Adela Castro	7 Bertha Sierra
2 Sylvia Guardia	5 Jannet Veldiosera	8 Veronica Huizar
3 Zully Lopez	6 Norma Martinez	9 Leticia Albor

**12.0** Adjournment- Ms. Sandra Arreola (president) asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The first motion was made by Ms. Vianey Hidalgo and seconded by Ms. Irma Rubio. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mrs. Sandra Arreola (president) thanked all those present for joining the meeting and invited them to stay for networking and refreshments.

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