



Valley Vista School Site Council

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 4/22/21 | 4:30 PM | Meeting called by Dr. Emery
Virtual Meeting on Teams– invite/link sent out by Dr. Emery

Council Members **X** Present at Meeting

Annisha Walter, Parent X | Michele Estill, Parent X | Jessica Lozano, Parent □ | Masada Ellis, Parent □ | Peggy Ward, Grandparent X | Veronica Rodriguez, Parent ?□ | Janelle Cisneros, Classified X | Nancy Camp, Teacher X | Debbie Sachariason, Teacher X |Lindy Mashburn, Teacher □ |Kevin Reese, Teacher □ | Logan Five, Teacher (alt.) □ | Carmen Emery, Principal X

Time	Topic / Subject	Action
	Log-on Time, Welcome & Greetings	
	Call to Order – Attendance	
	Review & Approve Meeting Agenda 4-22-2021	AI Motion: AW Second: DS
	Review & Approve Meeting Minutes 4-8-2021 Dr. Emery asked if Mr. Counts was on the 4/8/2021 meeting. He was confirmed to have attended over the phone but did not comment. Michelle Estill confirmed this in an email from Mr. Reese. There was a discussion of changing the times for the last two meetings. Revised dates and times of next meetings: 5/20/21 at 4:30pm , with probable voting on 21-22 budget, and 6/10/2021, at 4pm .	AI Motion: PW Second :AW
	Budget Estimated 2021-2022 v. Actual 2020-2021 update & review Dr. Emery stated that she will share the Actual Budget with staff at the next staff meeting and they will give input on the estimated budget for next schoolyear. She reviewed the Actual Budget in the Friendly Budget format. The categories are as follows: 1000 = extra Certificated Personnel (i.e. counselor & science teacher). Our current School Counselor is ½ time here and shared with Loma Verde School. The details are being decided for the upcoming school year. The District pays for our VAPA teachers: Art/Dance/Theater and we pay for our science teacher which rounds off teacher-release to 4 at a time for regular collaboration. The 2000 category identifies extra Classified staff such as the instructional assistants, and extra tech., library, and noon duty support. The 3000 category includes benefits for all extra staff. School supplies come out of the 4000 category. Supplies include books for classroom libraries & the school library, materials like paper, pencils, scissors, glue and colors. The 5000 & 6000 category is also supplies but usually larger equipment; copiers, the laminating machine, and the maintenance and supplies for those items come out of our budget. Currently the estimated budget does not reserve \$\$\$ for books, but that will change as funds are expected to increase as the schoolyear gets underway. A line item that Dr. E. feels is essential is a \$ amount to maintain technology. \$12,000 was set aside in the budget for technology and obtaining new computers or teaching equipment as needed. Another high \$\$ item is all the student programs such a A/R Renaissance, Smarty Ants, Star Reading, etc. programs. These cost between \$19,000-\$29,000 each year. The District has been funding Achieve 3000, Smarty Ants and iReady this school year. Dr. E. has on-going discussions with the teachers who want to bring back other programs previously used such as MyOn.com. She will have a vote/discussion to prioritize what programs the teachers would like to see added this next year. The budget always depends on enrollment and then State & Federal allotments. Currently enrollment projections are down, but we are hopeful it will go up as the new school year starts. Mr. Arias is joining the group to address the parent involvement piece of the budget.	AI No approval needed. Informational only.

Michelle Estill asked about any funds being released to accommodate learning loss mitigation during the pandemic. Dr. E. explained that the District is distributing those funds. Top 10 at-risk schools will be getting a full-time counselor, the rest of the schools will receive a counselor to share with a sister-school. Valley Vista is not in the Top 10. However, we are one of a handful of schools that already had put funds aside for a part-time counselor 20-21 schoolyear. We will use our funds to complete the funding necessary for a fulltime counselor for 21-22 schoolyear. Everyone agrees that this is the year will need one. We can also expect to be reimbursement for monies spent in quarter 4 of this year on our counselor. Every school will have an Impact Teacher (District-funded) as well. Hiring one impact teacher is usually best utilized for helping non-readers in grades K-3rd, to learn to read by the end of 3rd grade.

Michelle Estill expressed concern for those students who may need more assistance than what the impact teachers can provide. She suggested if there is any way to partner up with SDSU and try to find college tutors to assist with these students. Nancy Camp agreed. We have in the past had our librarian find volunteer “readers” for students, a practice that we will try to reactive.

Dr. E shared that realistically an impact trained in Early Literacy training costs between \$60,000-90,000, and would be able to reach roughly 50 students. Most of the Instructional Assistants (4) at Valley Vista have received some Early Literacy training. If we receive an Impact Teacher, she/he could help supervise our Instructional Assistants and support a larger intervention program for next school year. We will have to wait to see what the District will support first.

Annisha Walter asked how they were going to measure the students when they return back to in person for the next school year. Dr. E reviewed several local measures we use over the school year that are already in place. It is a system of measuring & monitoring student progress to identify those needing extra support. She also stated that teachers have had lists of potentially at-risk students, students already on SSTs and they have been monitoring the children’s progress throughout the year. They use that data and share with parents to develop intervention plans. Monitoring is aligned with conference & report cards time.

School Counselor, Diego Arias: introduction & think-tank exercise

Mr. Arias introduced himself, his family, and background. He shared that he has a one-year old son and a three-year old son. His wife is a School Psychologist. Mr. Arias shared a slide show on his experience and areas that he has been addressing with students and a few classrooms this year. He is one of the Safety Patrol Advisors and a strong believer in Restorative Practices. He has currently been providing ongoing consultation to parents as well. Mr. Arias shared how he uses the following curricula and theories to work with students: The Zones of Regulation, Second Step, Social Skills which promotes problem solving, MindUp Curriculum which connects mindfulness to brain biology, as well as providing Grief Counseling. He shared that Elizabeth Hospice is a great resource for grief counseling, support and currently serves all ages. He shared that they provide individual counseling on a sliding scale and that they will not turn anyone away if they cannot pay for counseling. Their number is 833-349-2054. Mr. Arias also tries to help students through separation and divorce. He can connect families to outside resources such as the Family Resource Center (FRC), which provides wrap-around services for families that need assistance with food, housing, and counseling services at 619-427-2119. He also provided information on the Chula Vista Community Collaborative, South Bay Community Services at 619-420-3620, and the Chula Vista Food 619-476-5340, as well as the Loma Verde Rec Center has a food bank on Fridays from .1-4pm. Dr. E mentioned that at our school, the District provides 7 days-worth of meals to families on Mondays from 12:30 to 2PM.

Mr. Arias then reviewed a survey that he wanted the SSC to provide input on. This survey will be to establish the areas of need our families are experiencing and types of resources, workshops, and /or learning our families are interested in.

<p>Annisha Walter asked about the Social Emotional topic, to be more specific with regard to addressing possible anxiety, separation anxiety, depression, grief with the losses of the last school year.</p> <p>Dr. E and Nancy Camp shared that the terms of the topics may need to be generalized for parents rather than being in “educator speak”. Nancy Camp mentioned that Self-Efficacy could be stated as Independence and shared that this may be an area where the students will be affected because of the return to school and not having their caregiver there to provide them with one-on-one assistance with school.</p> <p>Peggy Ward mentioned that she would like to see if there was a way to have a topic address addiction to technology. There was discussion between Mr. Arias and the Council, to find words to best describe topics, for example behavior would be, “<i>What to do when my child says no</i>”. Michelle Estill mentioned as a suggestion to open this up on Thought Exchange to get more parents’ opinions and weigh in on topics they would like to see offered to the school community.</p> <p>Dr. E mentioned that realistically only three topics could probably be picked and that the workshops would hopefully be offered once a quarter. Nancy Camp typed some wording suggestions in the chat. Dr. E indicated that she is hoping to roll this survey out in the next 3-4 weeks, and to ask others what they would like to see for the school.</p> <p>Peggy Ward thanked Mr. Arias for the information and shared that she is looking forward to the trainings. Dr. E mentioned that it may be a livestream and a screen cast as a resource for parents to access in the future if they cannot attend the livestream.</p>	
<p>Additional Reports or Announcements <u>Update on reopening CVESD Schools</u> All is going very well. No issues except that there is a slight wait list for Hybrid (in-person) Schooling in the upper DLI grades.</p>	
<p>Future Meeting Topics: School Site Council 21-22 Recruitment, Nominations, & Elections</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Date: <u>Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM</u></p>	
<p>Adjournment at 5:33 PM</p>	