

# EPAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2019

DSC Meeting Rooms C & D

4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

## Members Present:

Adan Martinez	Maria Ayub	Elizabeth Garcia	Brandy Gonzalez
Dianna Rios	Carolina Gandara	Jarrold Aguirre	Lindsay Taylor
Juan Lozano	Belinda Arnold	Beatriz Nava	Adriana Reyes
Gabriela Shimshock	Alexa Hash	Mike Amaya	Laura Martinez
Irma Brooks	Susana Guereque	Elvia Mendoza	Laura Chavez
Leo Saldivar	Grace Fierro	Angelica Perkins	Alison Davis
Ericka Flores	Danahe Hernandez	Linda Flores	Jennifer Vega
Desi Gonzales	Ida Leza	Antonio Ruiz	Denise Rendon
Amanda Garay	Veronica Chavez	Juan Ibarra	Chris Ovalle
Marlina Carrillo	Hector Herrera	Maureen Garcia	Lorenza Gonzalez
Sarah Carrasco	Marisela Oaxaca	Lori Anaya	Carolyn Del Rio
Elizabeth Acosta	Gizel Barraza	Rubi Rios	John Kaudaissy
Sandy Romo	Stephanie Morales	Anna Knight	

**Cabinet/Staff:** Lucia Borrego, *Chief Academic Officer - Academic Services*; Rodolfo Campoya, *Chief Human Resources Officer - Human Resources*; Carmen Crosse, *Assistant Superintendent - Secondary Education*; Tom Eyeington, *Chief Operations Officer - District Operations*; Tony Reza, *Chief Financial Officer - Financial Services*; Alisa Zapata-Farmer, *Assistant Superintendent - Elementary Education*; Angelica Herrera, *Director of Elementary Personnel - Human Resources*; Jessica Macias, *School Improvement Officer - Academic Services*; Tammi Mackeben, *Director - Guidance and Counseling*; Dr. Adam Starke, *Director - State and Federal Programs*; Celina Stiles, *Director of Support/Personnel Administration - Human Resources*; Melissa Olivarez, *Assistant Director - Special Education*; Hilda Miranda, *Coordinator of Information Systems - Technology Services*; Miguel Moreno, *Coordinator - Instructional Technology*; Marcy Sparks, *Coordinator - Library Services*; Elizabeth Rios, *Systems Team Leader - Technology Services*; Oscar Leza, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*

### I. **Welcome** - *Mr. Adan Martinez*

EPAC Chairperson Adan Martinez opened the meeting and greeted EPAC members.

### II. **Consider Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2018** - *Mr. Adan Martinez*

Mr. Martinez asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October EPAC meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

### III. **School Organization** - *Ms. Marivel Macias*

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Macias shared with EPAC members regarding new challenges posed by neighboring school districts and nearby charter schools. She shared hard data that demonstrated how Socorro ISD is a district of high quality with services in high demand. She spoke about new campuses, boundary changes, and projections for future growth, elaborating that the district makes purposeful, formula-governed decisions in order to maximize the efficient use of personnel and resources. Ms. Macias



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stated that feeder patterns and campuses affected by growth and boundary changes would be well-prepared and supported in order to ensure equitable education of students. Along those lines, she also presented to members about the upcoming climate survey, which would gather input from all Socorro ISD stakeholders. She commented that this PowerPoint and other finer details and information has been made available on the Socorro ISD website. The member from Jane Hambric School asked how boundary changes would affect that campus. Ms. Macias stated that enrollment would likely decrease there, and movement of portables has been necessary in this respect.

#### **IV. School Improvement Team Issues – Mr. Adan Martinez**

Mr. Martinez opened the floor for members to share any issues raised by School Improvement Teams at campuses.

The member from Dr. Sue Shook Elementary stated that the distance of a speed zone sign poses a problem there, causing a delay in the amount of time it takes for traffic to slow down. Mr. Eyeington stated he would look into it, taking account what is required from the county or the city. The member also asked about the replacement of aging furniture. Ms. Marivel Macias stated that the addition of a modular expansion would provide some furniture and that she would speak to the principal about existing furniture replacement in the school.

The member from Eastlake High School asked about crosswalk striping on Emerald Pass, missing since the street was re-paved. Mr. Eyeington stated he would look into this.

The member from Sun Ridge Middle School relayed a concern about upcoming tests for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A number of tests have been scheduled in quick succession, and the crowded windows for the testing offer some difficulty. Ms. Crosse, Ms. Borrego, and Mr. Moreno all explained the challenges faced by the rescheduling of test times. Although some inquiry may be fielded about moving testing dates, for the most part they are already set because of outside entities such as EPCC.

The member from Horizon Heights Elementary stated that the campus is short on furniture due to the campus being at capacity and asked what might be done. Mr. Reza explained about budget allocations for furniture replacement, stating that a rotation is in place.

The member from Hurshel Antwine shared that heating and cooling issues are still being experienced at the campus. Mr. Eyeington stated that he would have someone visit the campus regarding this. The member also related that some teachers were concerned about reassignments. Ms. Herrera said that emails went out to affected teachers and Mr. Campoya asked the member to have teachers contact Ms. Herrera directly.

The member from Clarke Middle stated that trouble with a lack of heating has affected the campus. Mr. Eyeington stated that he would investigate, noting that he had not heard of the issue.

The member from Ituarte stated that the campus was concerned about restroom facilities, given the upcoming boundary changes. Ms. Marivel Macias stated that things should balance out, but that she would consult with the principal.

No other concerns were shared at this time.

#### **V. Closure – Mr. Adan Martinez**

Mr. Martinez thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m.



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