

EPAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2019
DSC Meeting Rooms C & D
4:30 p.m.

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

Members Present:

Patsy Pedregon	Carolina Gandara	Amanda Ayala	Jasmine Holder
Dianna Rios	Maria Belinda Arnold	Araceli Lara	Lizeth Ortiz
Adrian Hernandez	Gilberto Barrera	Sherri Pena	Mary Ann Kalnas
Irma Brooks	Sherry Lewis	Cristina Acosta	Stephanie Morales
Leo Saldivar	Veronica Villanueva	Juan Ibarra	Arturo Jaimés
Maria Short	Danahe Hernandez	Sonia Ponce	Chris Ovalle
Amanda Garay	Ida Leza	Lori Anaya	Marcy Sparks
David Justo	Veronica Chavez	Angie Pena	Rachel Sendek
Luis Garcia	Claudia Cervantes	Rubi Rios	Lorena Martinez
Elizabeth Acosta	Elizabeth Garcia	Lindsay Taylor	Lorenza Gonzalez
Melissa Cordero	Jarrold Aguirre	Monika Seelig Ruiz	Emma Romero
Maria Ayub	Consuelo Torres	Laura Martinez	John Kaudaissy

Cabinet/Staff: Lucia Borrego, *Chief Academic Officer - Academic Services*; Rodolfo Campoya, *Chief Human Resources Officer - Human Resources*; Tom Eyeington, *Chief Operations Officer - District Operations*; Tony Reza, *Chief Financial Officer - Financial Services*; Elva Chavez - *Director of Secondary Personnel - Human Resources*; Angelica Herrera - *Director of Elementary Personnel - Human Resources*; Jessica Macias, *School Improvement Officer - Academic Services*; Tammi Mackeben, *Director - Guidance and Counseling*; Richard Ortega, *Director - Special Education*; Dr. Adam Starke, *Director - State and Federal Programs*; Hilda Miranda, *Coordinator of Information Systems - Technology Services*; Miguel Moreno, *Coordinator - Instructional Technology*; Elizabeth Rios, *Systems Team Leader - Technology Services*; Michael Zuvanich, *Manager of Database Administration - Technology Services*; Oscar Leza, *Title I Specialist - State and Federal Programs*

I. Welcome – Dr. Adam Starke and Ms. Lucia Borrego

Dr. Starke opened the meeting, greeted EPAC members, and announced an adjustment to the agenda. He then introduced Ms. Borrego, who addressed attendees.

Ms. Borrego greeted members and stated that Dr. Espinoza was currently attending the Region 19 Teacher of the Year event. She announced the “Walk A Mile in Her Shoes” fundraiser by the YWCA, held to raise awareness of domestic violence, abuse, and sexual assault issues faced by women. She shared that Socorro ISD is participating in the event on October 17 and shared about the Transitional Living Center that supports women and their children experiencing such hardships. Different district departments and campuses have pledged their support. She thanked members for their commitment and enthusiasm as advocates for students.

II. Staff Development – Ms. Jessica Macias

Ms. Macias presented to members regarding staff development and the efforts made by the Curriculum and Instruction Department in its delivery. Via a PowerPoint, she spoke about T-Tess goals as related to



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professional development and how various personnel in the district carry out training sessions for the benefit of all teachers and all students. Sessions are offered at various times to be more flexible. She spoke about how Instructional Officers deliver training to State Compensatory Education Intervention (SCE-I) Coaches, who then turn training around to teachers at campuses. The officers also offer direct support to campuses themselves. She showed members where to find training sessions via Socorro ISD's staff development website and added that Twitter is also a good place to find information on them. Ms. Macias offered flyers to members and also shared about various other opportunities.

III. District-Level Planning and Decision-Making – *Dr. Adam Starke*

Dr. Starke briefly spoke about the need for an EPAC chairperson and asked members to submit their names if interested in being considered for the position. He then presented, via a PowerPoint, to members about the roles and responsibilities of members of EPAC and the School Improvement Team (SIT). For communication purposes, EPAC members should be part of their respective SIT committees at campuses, to relay information back and forth. He spoke about the need to document meetings and outlined 6 areas of discussion that should be covered by EPAC and SIT at some point during the school year: planning, budgeting, curriculum, staffing patterns, staff development, and school organization. The district and campuses should be posting meeting agendas and minutes on their websites to ensure transparency.

IV. School Improvement Team Issues – *Dr. Adam Starke*

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

The member from Ituarte Elementary asked for an update on the multi-purpose buildings that the district is providing to certain campuses. Mr. Eyeington stated that development has been divided up into 3 groups but will begin as soon as possible. Issues with soil testing have delayed things somewhat but plans are still in motion.

Mr. Ovalle, business member, asked about a Sierra Vista Elementary traffic issue, particularly about the possible need for a stop sign in the area to thwart speeding. Mr. Eyeington stated that a formal request should come from the principal of the school to his office, so that his department can then request that the city engineering/street department investigate the issue. He provided his email address, teyeington@sisd.net.

No other concerns were shared at this time.

V. Closure – *Dr. Adam Starke*

Dr. Starke reminded members about staff development flyers at the rear table, about submitting names for EPAC chairperson consideration, and closed the meeting at approximately 5:03 p.m.



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