

Meeting Date April 30th, 2024, Meeting Location: Zoom

Members present	Ericka Lopez, Stefani Novak, Denisse Nora Vergara, Chris Jackson, Claudia Jiménez, Marlene Martínez Lopez, Sandra Ortiz, Luz Bustillos, Patricia Martan, Catherine Arnquist-Burke
Members absent	Sandra Casillas
Constituency group represented	Parents, Teachers, and Staff

I. Called to order at 4:35 by Ericka Lopez

II. Approval of Minutes for April

DISCUSSION NOTES	Motion of Approval: Claudia Jimenez Second: Stefanie Mares Novak
CONCLUSIONS	Motion to vote: Unanimous
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III. Call to the audience

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IV. Reports

REPORTS TO REVIEW	Principal, Parent group
DISCUSSION	Principal : The principal expresses gratitude to the parent group and attendees of the spring play. - Highlights the importance of creating a happy and community-centered school environment. - Emphasizes the value of learning, community, and togetherness. Discuss the End of the Year and Plans for the next school year. I enjoyed the previous events and want to thank everyone involved. - The year is not over yet and there's much to wrap up.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Focusing on using data to drive learning and improving teaching methods. <p>Implementing RTI and PLC for Educational Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of RTI (Response to Intervention) and PLC (Professional Learning Community) to enhance data-driven interventions and improve student learning.- Gradual implementation approach to ensure effective integration without overwhelming educators.- Master schedule adjustment to accommodate new initiatives and enhance educational outcomes. <p>Revamping Middle School Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introducing a dedicated intervention period for all grade levels.- Implementing a self-contained Gen. Ed model in middle school, focusing on student ownership of learning. <p>Classroom and Class Size Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Classroom size will be manageable for students to learn effectively.- Information about teachers and class assignments will be shared in the fall.- Aiming to create an environment that supports learning and growth. <p>Family Partnership Meetings for Student Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Family partnership meetings involve teachers, parents, and students working together to enhance learning.- Learning is viewed as three overlapping spheres: school, students, and parents/families.- The goal is to optimize each sphere's contribution for the child's maximum potential. <p>Enhancing Education through Collaborative Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hollinger's master schedule, staffing, planning, and professional development are being improved.- The goal is to build leadership and benefit students. <p>Parent group: Skate Country Fundraiser Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fundraiser event at Skate Country in Tucson at 6 pm.- Open to all, aiming for a large turnout. <p>The previous event, Spring Fling Carnival, raised \$1754 profit.</p>
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	<p>School Updates: Spirit Fridays, Movie Nights, and Literacy Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restocked shirts due to high demand, aiming to distribute before the school year ends. - Obtained movie license for movie nights and educational workshops next year. - Literacy workshops planned in collaboration with student counselors. <p>School Events and Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dia de las Madren on May 10th - Mariachi performance on May 13th and teacher appreciation week from May 13th to 17th. - Different events and spirit week for students to show appreciation for teachers. - Eighth-grade promotion ceremony at the end of the year.
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V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Clear Backpacks
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>We have to guest speaker to talk about clear backpacks and safety for school.</p> <p>Mr. Martin - Safety School Officer Ensuring School Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion about ensuring school safety. - Creating a warm and safe environment for students. - The principal can provide more insights on safety measures. <p>Ms. Alma Carmona CE Rose Principal - Implementing Clear Backpacks in Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear backpacks were introduced to address concerns about students bringing inappropriate items and losing valuables. - The decision was made after discussions with the school council and families. - The advantages and disadvantages of clear backpacks are being evaluated. <p>New School Policy on Clear Backpacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school council decided to implement a new policy requiring students to use clear backpacks. - Parents were notified about the policy in April through letters and emails. - Some parents were unaware of the policy, possibly due to not reading emails or missing information. <p>Backpacks for Students and Teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchased backpacks online and sold them during registrations. - Used backpacks for Meat and Green for teachers and Ice cream social. - Donated backpacks to families in need. <p>Clear Backpack Policy in Schools</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear backpacks help deter students from bringing prohibited items, but they are less durable and break easily. - Parents may need to repurchase backpacks or use materials provided by the school. - The policy requires students to use clear backpacks to increase visibility and prevent students from bringing prohibited items. <p>School's Clear Backpack Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Girls are allowed to carry small bags or makeup purses in their backpacks. - The school has a clear backpack policy and parents are informed about it during registration. - Students are also allowed to carry their sports gear in their backpacks. <p>School's Backpack Policy and Parent Group's Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school implemented a backpack policy to reduce the number of items students bring to school. - Sports bags are collected in a designated area to avoid carrying them around. - The parent group purchased and sold backpacks to families, potentially at a discounted price. <p>Fundraising for Backpacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backpacks were purchased online for students. - The cost of the backpacks was covered by a fundraiser. - Some families received donated backpacks due to financial need. <p>Discussion on Clear Backpacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of having conversations with parents about clear backpacks. - Other schools faced backlash and complaints from parents about clear backpacks. - The school was able to implement clear backpacks successfully by communicating with families beforehand. <p>Ensuring Student Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion about implementing a clear backpack policy to ensure student safety. - Concerned about the safety of students and the need for improved security measures. - Seeking approval from upper leadership for the proposed policy. <p>Open discussion among members and the public</p> <p>Implementing Clear Backpacks in Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considering implementing clear backpacks in schools for safety reasons. - Clear backpacks are required at events like games, and the school wants to ensure consistency. - Seeking input from students before making a decision and informing families about the proposed change. <p>Discussion on ways to reach families for care backpack approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital communication may not be effective, so we should consider using both email and letters. - Word-of-mouth might not reach everyone, so we should also distribute flyers in person. - We need to determine when we need to meet and approve the care backpacks. <p>Discussion on how to communicate with parents</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The best way to communicate with parents is to send home information packets. - The packets should include information about the school, the teachers, and the students. - The packets should also include information about how parents can get involved in their child's education. <p>Discussion on Clear Backpacks for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considering introducing clear backpacks for students. - Need to inform families about the pros and cons in a neutral manner. - Seeking feedback from families before making a decision. <p>Considering Students' Opinions on Clear Backpacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear backpacks may encourage more purchases, but students' opinions are crucial. - Need to address potential embarrassment and shame related to carrying feminine products in clear backpacks. - Considering these factors is essential if clear backpacks become the norm. <p>Concerns about providing clear backpacks to low-income families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the challenges of providing clear backpacks to low-income families. - Concerns about the cost of purchasing multiple backpacks for each family. - Suggestions for clear communication and surveys to understand families' needs. <p>Safety Concerns and Backpacks for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed safety concerns and the need for further clarification on backpacks. - Mentioned the idea of small bags for girls to store their belongings. - Emphasized the importance of communicating with parents about the transition during the school year. <p>Discussion on Clear Backpacks for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pros and cons of providing clear backpacks to students at the start of the school year. - The safety of students is a primary concern. - A meeting of board members will be held to vote on the proposal. <p>Seeking Community Input for School Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emphasizing the significance of obtaining community support, particularly from students, parents, and the group, for school-related decisions. - Stressing the need for effective communication and accessibility of information to parents, both digitally and in print. - Exploring options for distributing documents to parents, such as through volunteers or direct distribution during school dismissal. <p>QR Code Survey for Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking feedback from students and parents through QR code survey. - Aiming to ensure decisions reflect collective preferences. - Survey results will provide accurate insights. <p>Discussion on Voting Percentage and Weight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to decide on the percentage required for decision-making (50% + 1).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will hold an emergency council meeting to review votes once the required percentage is reached. - Debated the weightage of parent and student votes, considering options like 75%-25%, 80%-20%, or 50%-50%. <p>Voting System for Parents and Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considering a voting system involving both parents and students. - Proposing a 50% + 1 weightage for both parents and students. - QR code-based voting system suggested for ease of participation. <p>Seeking Support for Clear Backpacks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers will be asked to help with a survey about clear backpacks. - Pros and cons of clear backpacks will be communicated to students and families. - If 50% plus 1 of the votes are in favor, clear backpacks will be implemented. <p>Informing Families about QR Code and Login Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informing families about QR code and login details for accessing online resources. - Flyers with QR code and instructions will be sent home for easy access. - Support will be provided at school for any login or technical issues. <p>The site council concluded that they will send a survey for families and students to complete to proceed with the clear backpack process with a percentage of 50% +1 among families and students' responses.</p>
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RESOLUTION	
First: Stefanie Mares Novak Second: Marlene Lopez Vote unanimous approved	

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VI. Discussion/information items

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VII. Submission of items for next agenda.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm by Ericka Lopez