

**Edison Language Academy
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Attendance for **May 26, 2021**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Officer</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Officer</u>
X	Lori Orum	Principal		X	Gina Engler	Parent	Vice Chair
X	Elizabeth Ipiña	Teacher	Chair	X	Liz Kok	Parent	Secretary
X	Aida Díaz-Roquette	Teacher		X	José Cervantes	Parent	
X	Constanza Murcia	Teacher		X	Felipe Martinez	Parent	
X	Geralyn Goodman	Staff			Ayesha Mayagoitia	Parent	
					Daniela Morato	Parent	Replacing Ayesha

I. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m.

II. Minutes:

A Motion was made by Jose Cervantes for April 2021 minutes to be accepted. Seconded by Gina Engler. The aye's have it and the motion has passed.

III. Reports:

A. School/District Report - 15 mins

1. Reopening Update – Lori: For the Fall, there will be a distance learning option, to be determined by the District. However, we won't know restrictions until the state makes their plans and the county makes their decision. It all depends on vaccination. There won't be widespread vaccination of elementary students anytime soon. Hoping middle and high school students get vaccinated, and cases are more likely to come from exposure from family than at school. It is doubtful elementary kids will be vaccinated. It is assumed that masking and distancing will remain, but may be less severe, crossing groups may be possible.
2. Other news: The school is also planning the 5th grade promotion along with the covid compliance team and 5th grade parents. The District just launched the school climate survey. There are new positions open, including a new Assistant Principal position (which will be shared 50% with Grant Elementary), as well as 4th grade (formerly Maiztegui) and Kinder (formerly Fullerton who is retiring); the hiring process is in process and parent/staff representatives may be needed for the Interview Panel, those parents and staff interested indicated their availability to assist during the interview. New Kinder, TK classes have been assigned and letters went out. Children are following mask guidelines but not all parents. The civility policy will be embedded in the revised parent handbook for site council review. This document was emailed, and will update the parent handbook in the summer. However, Site council already approved the civility policy and guiding principles aren't too new. Lori also mentioned that guidelines extend to 1000 feet outside school grounds. It is the goal at the next meeting to approve the revised Civility Policy.

B. Data report - 15 minutes

1. Elizabeth provided an update on assessment results, as the CAASP is not being implemented this year as per District decision. Data presented was FASTBRIDGE assessments, reading and math scores were similar. Felipe requested data per grade to offer a deeper analysis. These results were discussed in the SLT meeting, and it was noticed that the math scores were not much lower than reading scores. English

Learners may have had less resources than the general population during the pandemic, so that needs to be considered. Overall achievement hasn't dropped tremendously even in the year of distance learning. There was a very minimal shift and the gap didn't widen; but the gap persisted. Achievement in math vs. reading is similar. Some movement up in some cases. About 10 EL kids qualified to be reclassified that met grade level standards. SLT will continue to assess and update the Site Council.

IV. Legal Requirements:

A. SPSA Budget Review - 20 minutes

Lori updated on the budget shifts, with greater coverage of extra Office Health Specialist (Nancy Flores) with Stretch grant. The district offered funds for 2 Health Officers at each site, but one was moved to another school so instead of having 2 part time, now have one full-time. With that extra salary amount, using Stretch Grant funds for math. Lori proposed a budget adjustment so that source of funds is from Stretch Grant instead of Title I, as stretch grant money doesn't roll over. The SLT is looking at highest priority items for these budget shifts, based on data, including targeted services for EL students, intervention reading support with a goal of improving first instruction as opposed to after school intervention, which research shows is more powerful. Aida offered feedback on effectiveness of small group instruction on distance learning as a positive aspect of the pandemic learning; and may want to look at how to continue small group instruction which is complicated, with need for aides.

V. Unfinished Business:

A. Election results (Gina and Felipe) - 10 minutes

There was a good slate of 6 people, and the participation rate was good compared to previous years (61 people voted). Online voting was much more convenient, although paper ballots were made available if needed. This digital format may be good to consider moving forward, with improvement of how to enter email for more than one vote in a family with greater than one student at Edison. The winners were Francine Ortega, Idurre Alonso and a tie for 3rd representative between Sylvia Kerkotchian and Valeria Vega. It was also discussed that PTA/ELAC may need help, so it would be nice to encourage other nominees to participate in those other volunteer opportunities.

After discussion it was decided to revise and clarify election language in the bylaws to include language of breaking tie with a coin toss; and implementing rank choice voting to help in certifying votes in the future in the bylaws. Lori and Elizabeth can help draft the change in the bylaws.

A Motion was made by Lori Orum to resolve this tie by flipping a coin. Seconded by Elizabeth Ipina. The aye's have it and the motion has passed.

A Motion was made by Gina Engler to amend the bylaws to show that breaking a tie for elections will be done by coin toss in addition to rank choice amendments. Seconded by Jose Cervantes. The aye's have it and the motion has passed.

VI. New Business

A. SSC new member packet - 10 minutes

1. Welcome packet for new members. Gina and Elizabeth will work together to look at materials and manual for site council, possibly in person to look at paper documents.

B. Guiding Principles/Civility Policy - 10 minutes

1. Already discussed above but the June meeting will include voting on the Guiding Principles

VII. Public Comment:

Future meetings and zoom vs. in person was discussed, with preference for a mixed meeting schedule. It's challenging to meet in person, possibly can have an in person meeting when school ends next year. The June meeting will be on zoom with new members to invite to observe, this will be the last meeting for all current members to vote.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at **5:52 pm**

Next Meeting: June 2, 2021
