



BENITO JUÁREZ COMMUNITY ACADEMY



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1. Call meeting to order
 - a. 5:49p
2. Roll call
 - a. Esmeralda Bue, Beatriz Castillo, Pedro Hernandez, Alicia Fraga, Rosa Ezquivel, Alfredo Peralta, Nancy Bigelow, Angel Cruz, Ingrid Garcia
3. Approved minutes
 - a. Motion to approve – Beatriz Castillo
 - b. Seconded – Ingrid Garcia
 - c. All approved
4. New business
 - a. 25th Ward Thanksgiving Feast: Juarez w/ Ald. Sigcho-Lopez
 - i. This Sunday, 11/23 10a-2p at Juarez
 - ii. Open to all families of Juarez via as well as open to community via registration
 - b. Flesh: Juarez fall play
 - i. 11/21 @3p, 11/22 @3p & 7p, and 11/23 @3p
 - c. Revised school calendar
 - i. New student attendance days to recover instruction lost during CTU strike days: 11/27, 1/2, 1/3, 6/17, 6/18
 - d. Automotive academy
 - i. Not able to find a replacement instructor despite numerous applicants, missing necessary certifications
 - ii. Current instructor is Omar Martinez (assistant to Valdez for the past three years) does not have certifications and is not a teacher, so is not a long-term solution
 - iii. If necessary, may have to close the program and put students into other classrooms with certified teachers. That would increase classroom sizes as there is no funding for a teaching position outside of CTE and we are unable to open a new CTE course at this time.
 - iv. Concern for seniors currently in the program given the lack of certified instruction and what happens to them if the program is closed
 - v. Ocon suggests that the LSC decides the future of the program in December if a properly certified teacher is not hired
5. Transfer of funds
 - a. None
6. Announced date of next meeting
 - a. LSC president suggests moving Dec meeting from 12/18 to 12/4
 - b. All in favor for the new date to be set for 12/4 at 5:30p
7. Reports
 - a. Principal evaluation
 - i. Bigelow suggests to set time to meet regarding the Principal Evaluation Committee

- ii. Clarification that Montes de Oco or someone from his office will help in the evaluation process
 - iii. Bigelow request to obtain parent contact information from Ms. Hernandez, Ocon confirms that Bigelow may do so
 - b. Bilingual Advisor Committee
 - i. Met on 11/19 @10a
 - ii. Discussed state of the program with families and with teacher coordinator of the bilingual program at Juarez (Ms. Stewart)
 - c. Athletic Center renovation
 - i. No new information
 - d. Acre of land committee
 - i. Need to contact Ald. Sigcho-Lopez chief of staff (Javier Yanez) for more information that they would like to share with the LSC
 - e. CIWP committee
 - i. Marquez and Rantisi were to have a plan for presentation, but the CTU strike has postponed that to be presented in December
 - f. Budget: Fundraising proposals – JROTC drill meet and JROTC Marine Corp Ball
 - i. Internal accounts and ROTC fundraising requests (healthy food items) documents provided to LSC
 - 1. Fundraising offsets cost of tickets and banquet hall
 - ii. JROTC fundraising proposal approved by LSC President signature
 - g. ESSA/PAC: Sept meeting
 - i. Minutes from 10/15 meeting provided to LSC
 - h. Teacher report
 - i. Bigelow reports that some parents do not attend LSC meeting as they are in Spanish
 - ii. Peralta reported on CTU strike and impact at Juarez
 - i. Student Report
 - i. Boys bathroom flooding for three days but school staff not notified
 - 1. One bathroom in new building ran out of toilet paper
 - ii. Assembly today run over time and student pianist felt disrespected that students were leaving during her playing. Request to address timing of assemblies have improved oversight.
 - iii. Student led meeting Hancock, Kelly, and Curry meet and focus on how to improve as a student. Angel Cruz was invited and Cruz requests that he be allowed to recruit students to join these meetings held at Hancock High School. Request approved
 - iv. Students request for fundraising opportunity for prom and graduation. Ms. Mendez is readying fundraising proposals for approval to be presented at December meeting.
 - j. Principal's report
 - i. Written report provided to be read at leisure as verbal report was skipped in meeting
- 8. Public participation
 - a. Question: Do all fundraising proposals come through LSC for approval? Answer: Yes
 - b. Question: Who is on the Crises Team? Answer: Bigelow, Glenda Campoverde, Abigail Mendiola, Olivares, and Rosa Esquivel
 - c. Highlighted committee supports for Juarez teachers during CTU strike
- 9. Announcements
 - a. None
- 10. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to end meeting at 6:56
 - b. Seconded by Fraga
 - c. All approved