

Arroyo Vista Charter School
T.E.A.M. Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

1. Call to Order

Arnold Fenton called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Staff Voting	Parent Voting	Staff Alternates
Leticia De Los Santos	Carolina Santiago	Yesenia Mendoza
Arnold Fenton	Eve Harrison	Lauren Shepherd
Jane Glickman	Kellie Johanson	
Dawn Gregory	Jacqueline Gonzalez	Parent Alternates
Ann Marie Kolaric	Fernanda Rugama	Mellinda Barajas
Melanie Jimenez	Jessica Neamon	Cindy Saenz
Magaly Lawson	Karla Chinn	
Hilary Remsbottom		Administration/Non-Voting
		Kristin Baltierra
		Juan C. Ricoy

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Arnold Fenton led the TEAM Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Melinda Barajas motioned to approve. Dawn Gregory seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 28, 2021 (Action)

Arnold Fenton motioned to approve. Leticia De Los Santos seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

-Arnold amended that Karla Chinn be moved from alternate to voting member
Motion carried unanimously

5. Professional Development for nine teachers to Virtually Engaging Science (Action)

Dates: February 16 & 23rd for 5th-8th grade teachers

Cost: \$50 each total of \$450

Attendees:

5th- Lauren Shepherd, Dawn Sumner-LaRussa & Yesenia Mendoza

6th- Marianne Geronimo, Amy Slike, Jenna Toth & Martha Corrales

MS- Dawn Gregory & Valerie MacPhee-Jefferies

Jane Glickman motioned to approve. Melinda Barajas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SD Science Project possibility of more involvement in our charter moving forward. Dawn Gregory –Spoke in support of simulated labs particularly in distance learning. Yesenia Mendoza – got a couple resources, use of PHET resources including virtual labs, with videos, student access to videos resources by grade level. Yesenia Mendoza, Dawn Sumner-LaRussa and Lauren Shepherd plan to integrate into class in the next few weeks. \$50 each x 9 = \$450

6. Personnel Notices (Action)

Arnold Fenton asked if could library position assist with ingress/egress, Juan Ricoy said yes that is possible. Jane Glickman asked if there is sufficient work to justify the full position, why not keep the position.

Ricoy mentioned hard work in November discussing reduction in LCAP funds. Most recent projections from Gov. funds will no longer be reduced. Legislature may possibly not approve in the spring. From all indicators from district, (district gave notices as well), we can rescind all notices. Jacqueline Gonzalez asked did we discover a place where we would benefit from reducing those positions and use the money for something else. Juan Ricoy stated that we will be facing the same conversation next year. If we funnel the money elsewhere, that money would be most vulnerable in future cuts although we could reprioritize. Arnold Fenton asked if there is a place for a library moving forward in hybrid. Magaly Lawson asked if library position could be used in different ways. Jane Glickman asked if a change in duties would require a change in job description. Melanie Jimenez pointed out that we all have classroom libraries. Do we have the capacity to maintain classroom libraries with double load of hybrid instruction? We will potentially need a new way of using classroom libraries. She suggested keeping duty of “books” rather than “library.” Magaly Lawson suggested that the librarian be used with guided reading books, and talked about the importance of putting real books in kids’ hands. She asked if the library position be used to help clean/sanitize/put away. Arnold Fenton mentioned that librarian has an at home check out system in place. In the future, maybe library books are delivered to classroom. The need to get books in kids’ hands will be great.

Jaqueline Gonzalez reiterated that this may be a good opportunity to revisit the job description in this cycle. Would it be easier to not rescind and keep job but these are new duties. Kristin Baltierra stated that per HR can’t change job description once hired. Mr. Mora said not allowed. Juan Ricoy reminded that the job description will take effect 2021-22 school year. No changes made for this school year. Notice was given for upcoming school year. We can not change job description half way through year, but district is using classified staff for logistical leg work of doing health checks and helping with getting kids to class. We have flexibility. This is an opportunity to probably not drop the technology we picked up in the past year. Will we be expecting students to continue with that? Is a central housed library the best use of space? We are heading in the direction of using the library for other purposes.

Arnold Fenton clarified that we are voting on Rescinding the reductions to benefit the students. Kristin Baltierra stated that classified staff have been used in new ways and areas, and are being fully utilized.

Library hour reduction – reinstate to full 5 days
.5 reduction in office – rescind that reduction
In financial position, could rescind both reductions

Magaly Lawson motioned to approve Jaqueline Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7. Charter Renewal Update (Information)** Jane: We met with the RSP team and the EI-IA to brainstorm current best practices. We spent our last 2 writing meetings reviewing the existing charter, eliminating outdated information and organizing current practices, and clarifying open ended language to move us forward, creating a collaborative environment for our at-risk populations.

Arnold Fenton mentioned that the charter was written in k-6 mindset, moving forward we intend to fully incorporate TK and middle school. And be more clearly defined and holistic.

Jaqueline Gonzalez asked what makes us different? How will we be accountable. We don't want to face hard questions in the future. Who will be involved in deciding what best practices and activities?

Arnold Fenton stated that we are staying away from trendy, buzz words and practices and we will be focused around best practices, evidence based, research based.

Juan Ricoy reiterated that the writing sub-committee has been working hard. Mr Mora is giving direction and support. The main things charters struggle with are finances and student achievement. Based on those things district will look favorably on our charter renewal. He stated that there is a compelling conversation around community and service within the charter.

8. School Reopening update (Information)

Juan Ricoy – We have done good work in getting ready. Physical requirements are set. Questions to families and prioritizing teachers as to who will be doing what part. Setting a date – seems close. Numbers. Happening soon. Expecting call soon regarding a date. Office working hard to contact families.

Kristin Baltierra spoke regarding the vaccine – teachers will be getting them. The County focusing on schools currently open and teachers that are already with kids. The District working to try and make arrangements for partnership with city of CV for CVESD teachers and are trying to speed it up in-house. Anthony Carleton and Dr Mora working on it.

Melinda Barajas asked if when we filled out the survey is it set in stone? When we filled it out the numbers were much higher.

Kristin Baltierra replied that numbers are shifting, some grade levels are being told they need additional hybrid teachers. AVCS has goal of everyone who wants to be on campus can be on campus. MS more challenging because of size of middle school hard to keep cohorts stable without severely cutting instructional minutes. They are working on expanded distance learning support in MS trying to bring more socialization and PE.

Melanie Jimenez asked about primary students returning first then upper grade? The original plan included a slow reentry of students.

Juan Ricoy stated that he looked at it, but district model will have set start date and everyone will start together. There is a staggered schedule for access to campus so it's less crowded to get kids in and out.

Jaqueline Gonzalez stated that is a huge shift and stated concerns regarding traffic patterns.

Juan Ricoy – we've done walkthroughs with staff and custodians. We have a strong plan.

Kristin Baltierra stated that we 17 teachers classes morning and afternoon (am/pm) Number of students at any given time is fewer than a full return of all students.

9. DAC/DLAC Report (Information)

Meeting Highlights

Jaqueline Gonzalez is trying to get minutes and PowerPoint. DAC DLAC hasn't posted notes for several meetings.

Juan Ricoy stated that meeting run by new president.

Kristin Baltierra mentioned that Dr Escobedo mentioned in his town hall meeting that resources are available. LCAP input provided via district. Dr. Theil stated in the presentation that all staff is CLAD or BCLAD certified.

10. LCAP Goals/Data (Information)

Juan Ricoy presented LCAP. 2020 was the last time we presented. Pandemic caused us to go with LCP (mini lcap). This goes into play next school year. Timeline is from 2021-2024. We must have Drop dead by June 30, 2020. We need to vote at latest by June meeting. Juan Ricoy stated his goal of Team Council voting regarding LCAP in May.

He presented the 2020 high impact language strategies for target groups.

Instructional focus – essential standards in distance learning, progress monitoring of student concerns and the success criteria. Standardized Testing did not occur last year because of pandemic. Curricular focus on science derailed because of distance learning.

English Learner, Foster Youth, Low Income approx. 200 unduplicated students. (Low income determined by free and reduced lunch).

Input – VAPA, SEL/behavior support, community connections, parent engagement, deep appreciation for quality staff

Ricoy shared 2019 Priority rankings by stake holders, and that Thought exchange is used by the district, AVCS does not have access but will use a similar program. We are working to support unduplicated, underserved populations

11. Principal's Report (Information)

Juan Ricoy shared that administration has been working on the hybrid plan, budget and the as yet unknown reopening date. He shared that MS currently has up to 17 students on site in 2 sep. classrooms, 7th grade and 8th grade, supervised by classified staff and counselor as they work on distance learning. Coach Knorr is on campus doing PE online. Administration hopes to expand engaging ways to get MS students back. MS reopening concern is that at half of instructional minutes, if reduce again by half it's too much instruction lost. Maybe Fridays rotating activities on field with homeroom or advisory. He congratulated MS staff on getting kids engaged through advisory periods and an awards assembly.

Jaqueline Gonzalez gave a shout out to MS. Her daughter is being challenged and retaining information to share with family.

12. Public Communications (Information)

What has AV decided to do about reduction in budget and has staff been involved in discussion regarding those positions?

Juan Ricoy shared protocol for public communications - Normally statements are read and written into notes.

13. Future Agenda Items

Recurring items of reopening, charter renewal
LCAP info and participation

14. Adjournment

no longer at quorum--moved to adjourn the meeting. _____ seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.