



# EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Educational Services

District Advisory Council Meeting  
*Minutes of the November 15, 2017*

### DAC Members Present:

Christine Saavedra, Birney Tech Academy  
Jose Castillo, Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Monica Farris, No. Ranchito Elementary  
Leticia Urzua, Rio Vista Elementary  
Alejandro Abarca, Rivera Elementary  
Rosanna Cabrera, Valencia Academy of the Arts  
Claudia Villaseñor, Ellen Ochoa Prep Academy  
Carmen Chavez, El Rancho High

### DAC Members Absent:

Sonia Alexander, Durfee Elementary  
Melissa Galaviz, So. Ranchito Dual Language Academy  
Mery Guerra, No. park Academy of the Arts  
Michelle Jimenez, Rivera Middle  
Elisabeth Gomez, STEAM Academy  
Rosario Balderrama, Salazar High

### District Personnel:

Erin Lopez-Cadena, Coordinator, Categorical Programs  
Olga Montano-Briseno, Federal & State Programs Clerk

### Guests:

Jacqueline Cardenas, Assistant Superintendent

**Opening and Flag Salute:** Christine Saavedra, opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m., flag salute led by Assistant Superintendent Jacqueline Cardenas.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena

**Quorum:** DAC-YES

### **Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2017):**

Motion: Jose Castillo                      Second: Monica Farris

**Quorum:** DAC-YES

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Jose Castillo                      Second: Carmen Chavez

### **New Business:**

#### **I. CAASPP Update:**

- Dr. Erin Lopez-Cadena explained CAASPP
- Talked about the Common Core State Standards.
- Talked about the Smarter Balance
  - o Rosana Cabrera asked how and when testing starts
  - o Dr. Lopez-Cadena mention that testing will be administered during the spring (April-May)
  - o Dr. Lopez- Cadena went over all the parent resources available online.
  - o Ms. Saavedra asked if we have an exit survey on why students are leaving our district. She would like to get some information on it.
  - o Mr. Castillo has a concern about penmanship, what are we doing to keep this going now that everything is on computers.
  - o Mr. Abarca – do we have curriculum that alines with the writing?

***II. Follow up information: none***

***III. Other Business, as needed:***

Ms. Saavedra would like for both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Ed. Services to formerly be introduced and what is the plan to move the district forward.

Mr. Castillo would like to see a comparison among our schools (testing)

***IV. Other business, as needed:***

Mr. Castillo would like to invite the Superintendent to the next DAC meeting.

***Announcements:***

EL Rancho High School will be having a Shakeys night for AVID on November 16, 2017 from 6-9 pm.  
Valencia Academy of the Arts is having a fundraiser at the Habit tonight.

Next DAC meeting will be in January 17, 2018.

***Adjournment:***

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: Christine Saavedra

Second: Carmen Chavez

Minutes by: Claudia Villaseñor/ Olga Montano-Briseno