

RINCON HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday February 2, 2026

Members Present: Alissa Welch, Marc Zelov, Darla Oliver, Elyse Damiani, Deanna Lilly, Catarina Lopez, Rick Botkin, Laura Grijalva, Emily Verdugo, Kristin Zelov, Georgina Carillo-Gaxiola

Guests Present: None

Agenda:

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm.
- II. Ms. Welch and Ms. Verdugo made a motion to approve November 3, 2025, minutes, Ms. Zelov seconded the motion. No nays, November minutes were approved.
- III. Call to the Audience:
- IV. Reports:
 - a. **Principal's Report:** We are getting through a crazy week last week, Black Out on Friday and preparing for it. There was a tiered plan based upon TUSD's requirements and contact of all schools. Rincon did not meet the threshold to close, 265 students attended and plenty of substitutes came to cover those open positions. RUHS band performed in Phoenix, neat to see them perform, excellent show. Feb. 19th Parent/Teacher conferences from 4:30-6:30 pm. This week, February 4th, we have no school due to TUSD Professional Development for staff. Rincon was approved officially to have a new building for social studies along with a new band/color guard room. Construction may start this summer. 2 dilapidated portables will be switched with the better portables on the north side of campus. Official letter grade, we are a B and close to being an A.
 - b. **Finance Report:** Budget shows a balance of \$14,065.26.
 - c. **PTO Report:** Our February meeting will happen later this month, date TBD. Slowly trying to transition to PTO, looking for a bank that won't charge a membership fee. Looking for new members as well. Next project will be Teacher Appreciation. Please reach out if PTO can support our school.
 - d. **Rincon Ranger Foundation:** We are getting ready for the Spring Golf Tournament first week in May at the 49ers Country Club. Helping to support the Peer to Peer program, giving four \$1000.00 scholarships and also giving some \$1500.00 scholarships and the students can apply.
 - e. **Rincon Education Foundation:** Gave the teacher grants in the middle of December, Ms. Grijalva would like feedback, can do through email, with what the money was used for.
 - f. **Student Council:** Blood Drive coming up on February 25th in the North Gym. Site goal is to get 20 pints of blood, 16 years and older is allowed to donate. The Prom theme is Viva Las Vegas. Student Council had to cancel the winter formal due to lack of ticket sales. Is interested in other ideas for fund raisers. Trying to

get word out with different things including working with UHS (have the same period for class) to feel more connected.

- g. Action Items: None
- h. Discussion of Meeting Dates: April 6th, 2026
- i. Final Discussions: Ms. Damiani would like to request a new name for one of the buildings at our site to honor James Marques. Other ideas include N. Gym or the equipment room, engineering room, the smokestack or perhaps a bench. The auditorium or another building. Ms. Lopez said that there are some rules that we must follow from the school board who might have to vote on. Discussion to continue. Other ideas include a memorial area like tiles which could be named after him (UHS has by their counseling room on the walkway). The idea of tiles could be used, to be tabled until later. Ms. Welch will find out more, perhaps include staff and coaches not on campus for ideas.
- j. Move to adjourn: Ms. Zelov moves to adjourn, Ms. Damiani seconds, meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.