

RINCON HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday September 8, 202

Members Present: Marc Zelov, Darla Oliver, Elyse Damiani, Georgina Carillo, Kristin Zelov, Catarina Lopez, Alissa Welch, DeeDee Scott, Andrew McDonough, Deanna Lilly, Laura Grijalva; Emily Verdugo

Guests Present: None

Agenda:

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm.
- II. Darla made a motion to approve April minutes, Emily seconded it. No nays, April minutes were approved.
- III. Call to the Audience: None.
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Principal's Report: We currently have 1,106 students, down 8, the district is down 300 plus students overall. TUVa is not included in the totals. The total population is 2,115 for both schools. Laptops are now available for students (the district said they were missing a shipment at the beginning of the year). 4 substitute teachers are on campus, 2 of whom are out due to paternity leave, another sub is in self-contained, and the new teacher will come in January. There is also a long-term sub in drama and that position is filled, they will begin in October. Regarding our new bell schedule, feedback from department chairs has been positive. Students can get help, and it seems to also help with traffic. The cell phone policy is overall working better and not nearly as many students are distracted, and student engagement is better. 48 students have been addressed with tardies, vaping continues to be a problem (seems to be a national issue) as well. We have a parent that happens to be a doctor who is interested in this issue and may be attending the PTA meeting for the anti-vaping campaign. We have a new position to support called a Substance Abuse/Community Health Worker liaison housed on campus to help deal with these issues. Any time a problem pops up that the student's name will go to this person. Benchmark testing that looks like ACT will be starting so teachers can address any issues. Picture day is this Wednesday and Thursday will be the vision/hearing. Parent/Family/Teacher conferences will happen Thursday, Sept. 18 from 5-7 pm, school will let out early on Friday. Other upcoming things: Grading Window for Quarter One (Sept. 29-Oct. 3) then Fall Break, next after break is Homecoming and Spirit Week.
Questions: None.
 - b. Finance Report: Budget shows a balance of \$13,063.76; there may be some reconciliation that will adjust this balance.
 - c. PTA Report: First meeting is today at 6 pm in the library and on Zoom. Please encourage people to join.

- d. Rincon Ranger Foundation: First meeting is happening this Saturday, no other news to share. Ms. Welch wants to thank the Foundation for helping to support the new teachers' lounge.
- e. Rincon Education Foundation: Ms. Vazquez has been doing a peer program and lost the monies due to budget cuts. They plan to support this loss to support the peer coaches. Students sit down with other students to help with financial support. Several phone boxes were funded for teachers that requested these. They also fund, with a membership of \$24 a year, 3 scholarships throughout the year. If teachers request more scholarship monies, please share what the other \$300 was used for.
- f. Student Council: This year both schools are trying to share in both schools, trying to have events held as one due to students sharing that they could not attend one thing or another. Student body chose not to have a student dance, but both Student Councils are hoping to change that. There will be a combined Senior Sunrise on Sept. 19th. First Quarter Blood Drive will be Sept. 24th in conjunction with the Red Cross' theme of Hispanic Heritage month. Home Coming game is Friday Oct. 17th, Saturday, Oct. 18th is the dance. Both Student Councils will have a Powder Puff, more information to come later.
- g. Action Items: None. Emily Verdugo asked to speak about the Bond Overdrive (within the TUSD area). 4 projects on campus that have been completed, the new building will be nice. The main thing is to increase teacher salaries as well as other staff increases along with student supports and needs. Approximately comes to about \$17.00 a month increase in taxes per person.
- h. Discussion of Meeting Dates: November 3, February 2, 2026, April 6th, 2026
- i. Final discussions: None
- j. Move to adjourn: Marc moved to adjourn, Emily seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.