



MINUTES – Parent Meeting (Meet & Greet our NEW Principal)
Wednesday 13, 2017
Eagle Center 9:00 am

Twenty-eight parents in attendance, Principal, Dr. Oscar Rico, Assistant Principal, Ms. A. Esparza and Parent Liaison, Mary Ann Pastran. OPEN FOR ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS.

Welcome!

Parent: Would it be possible to have morning and evening parent meetings for those parents who work?

Principal: Yes, definitely, we will look into it.

Parent: Can we have our school website updated?

Principal: Unfortunately we have one public information officer for all ten schools. It takes time, but it has been reported and they are working on it.

Principal: We are looking at trying to start up a “Homework Hot Line” if the student needs help with homework. It would be a telephone number that they can call and receive help.

Principal: Behavior/Discipline is being handled through our PBIS team (Positive Behavior Initiative Support). The team consists of seven teachers and a group of students. Instead of sending students to DAEP (Discipline Alternative Education Program) because of behavior or discipline issues, the PBIS team will intervene to try to point the students in the right direction and help them become positive role models. For instance, be a manager in sports. This helps them to keep in mind that they have to keep up with their grades.

Parent: My son is having issues logging into the “Math” website for help.

Assistant Principal: Math 7th grade website: my.hrw.com User ID: 10:Jeagles90 Password: eagles

Parent: Why can't the students use the lockers?

Principal: There were issues back then about the students hiding stuff in them. We are looking at bringing them back.

Parents: They have to carry a very heavy load!

Principal: Gave an explanation of how/why the traffic is being directed differently this year, such as the drop off and pick up zones. It's a Safety issue. Directives are from the Chief of Police here in the Canutillo District area, Mr. Carrillo. We are still working on these issues. **Also, the TXDOT has added seconds to the lights on Talbot to try to eliminate traffic.**

Parent concern: Students are dodging between vehicles afterschool.

Parent concern: Vehicles are stopping ON the crosswalks. **Principal:** We have staff on duty before and after school.

Parent suggested: Investing in signs **Principal:** Some signs have already been ordered

Principal: We need to keep motivating the students to go to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. We are not having the number of students eating breakfast; therefore, we might have to go back to breakfast in the classroom which is what the teachers don't want. Buses are arriving late as well and the students are not making it on time to eat breakfast. It seems like everyone in the district was informed about the CISD time change (ten minutes earlier in the morning and released ten minutes later afterschool) except for the facilities department which is causing confusion with transportation. Nevertheless students are being allotted 10 minutes of breakfast time if they arrive late.

Parent: It was suggested by a parent that the time just be changed for the students to leave at a later time afterschool. (4:05)?

Parent: A teacher is holding back students when the bell to go to lunch rings and it is causing congestion in the cafeteria.

Principal: I will have to do some investigating.

Parent: Do all the students fit in the cafeteria? **Principal:** We have three lunches - 6th grade has lunch from 11:20-11:50am, 7th grade has lunch from 11:55-12:25pm, and 8th grade has lunch from 12:35-1:10pm. Each grade level fits. Cafeteria has 255 chairs with the largest class count being 248.

Parent: Maybe the students aren't having breakfast in the cafeteria because they aren't aware that there have been changes.

Parent: Is there tutoring for other subjects such as electives, like Spanish? My son is in the 6th grade and is taking Spanish. I was reading some of the work that is given to him and there are errors! The word "mayor" in Spanish is not spelled "major"!

Principal: I will look into the 6th grade Spanish Department.

Parent: Why is it that if a student is taking Science, Medical Academy, they are not allowed to take electives?

Principal: Gave an explanation. They take two science classes instead of one.

Parent: How does the grading system work on the Parent Portal?

Principal: Teachers should be uploading grades every week. If it's not occurring, please let us know. Admin has been observing classrooms almost every day to monitor classrooms. If parents forgot or need assistance with the Parent Portal, they may call or see our Parent Liaison, Mary Ann Pastran and she will be more than happy to assist you with any concerns.

Principal: Student Portal is through the Leader In Me, Intervention Period. It has just opened up this week. Students use their User ID and Password to have access to monitor their grades etc...

Parent: Is there a curriculum for homework techniques?

Principal: Yes, that would be through the students Mentoring Minds teacher. A booklet is going home this week.

Principal: We are moving away from the traditional Science Fair and moving towards an innovative STEM Fair. More details to come.

Parent: Robotic Team – Does a student have to be nominated or invited to be a participant?

Principal: No

Parent: What types of meeting can parents participate in?

Principal: We have campus CIC meetings (Campus Improvement Committee) we meet on the last Wednesday of the month, PLT (District Parent Leadership Team) meetings with Dr. Reyes, Director of Student Support Services located at the Lone Star Building located at 7000 Fifth St. You may call our Parent Liaison for upcoming dates at 915 877-6646. You may also refer to the District Website for more information under Departments, click on Student Support Services, and scroll down to Parent & Family Engagement towards the bottom where you will find the different committees that parents may participate in.

Assistant Principal: Homecoming Parade – Our campus participates in the Parade with the assistance of one of our Art teachers, Ms. Ramos. If anyone is interested in helping out with the Alderete Middle School float for the parade, please by all means do so. Ms. Ramos would greatly appreciate any help that she can get. If you are interested, please call our Parent Liaison, Mary Ann Pastran at 915 877-6646.

Parent: Is there a requirement to volunteer in this district?

Parent Liaison: Yes, there is a protocol that the CISD follows. You will need to fill out an application through the Parent Liaison, Mary Ann Pastran, an active ID and \$1.00 for the Criminal Background Check. That's all! ☺ Parent Liaison will contact you once you have been cleared with further instructions.

Parent: Can you put the MINUTES on the school website for any parents who are not able to attend the PAC Meetings (Parent Advisory Council)?

Principal: We can certainly work on that.

Assistant Principal: Remember to follow us on TWITTER! @alderete_eagles

Next PAC meeting: