

Meeting Date 4/22/2026

Meeting Location: Dodge Conference Room / Zoom

Members present	Thomas Mery, Natasha Arvayo, Brenda Meneguín, Nicole Cohen, Madelin Patterson, Maura McKechnie, Sergio Ortiz
Members absent	
Constituency group represented	

**I.** Called to order at 4:10pm by Thomas Mery

**II.** Call to the audience

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Call to audience made for participants in person and on zoom meeting link.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

**III.** Approval of Minutes for 3/11/2026

<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	Mr. Mery read aloud March 11, 2026 meeting notes.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Meeting notes were reviewed.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
Ms. Patterson motioned to approve notes, Mr. Ortiz seconded.	

**IV.** Reports

<b>REPORTS TO REVIEW</b>	Principal Meneguín's report.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Principal Meneguín provided her Principal report, reporting that enrollment is steady and each grade level has a cap of 150 students. Our magnet plan is drafting next years goals. Performance Goals:</b> The school is targeting a <b>5% increase</b> in proficient scores for Math and ELA, while simultaneously aiming to decrease "minimally proficient" scores by 5%. <b>Funding Uncertainty:</b> There is a significant discrepancy regarding <b>Title I funding</b> for next year. Estimates range between <b>\$87,000 and \$112,000</b> . The \$25,000 difference is a major concern for the administration. <b>Title I Usage:</b> These funds currently support a Dean of Students (focused on engagement and discipline), interventions, professional development, and supplies.

	<p><b>Campus Improvements &amp; Facilities: Sound System:</b> A consultant determined the sound system only needs <b>\$800 in repairs</b> (much lower than feared). The Parent Action Committee (PAC) has agreed to cover this cost. <b>Aesthetics:</b> New campus banners have been ordered to improve school branding and environment.</p> <p><b>3. "May Madness" (End-of-Year Calendar)</b></p> <p>The school has an extremely dense schedule leading up to the final day on <b>May 21st:</b></p> <p><b>Awards:</b> Ceremonies for Pacific American Refugee student services (May 12th), Native American student services (May 16th), and Mexican-American student services. <b>Fine Arts:</b> Middle School choir festival, a "Tropical" school dance, a band/orchestra performance, and "Dodge Arts Week" featuring a dinner theater production of <i>Annie</i>. <b>Athletics &amp; Tradition:</b> A soccer banquet and a new "clap out" tradition for Band and Orchestra students (similar to those held for championship athletes). <b>Recruitment:</b> The school is specifically recruiting <b>4th graders</b> earlier this year to beat the fast-moving November lottery process.</p>
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Principal report was provided and information will be shared with our Dodge community.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	

**V. Action Items**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	No action items were brought to the Site Council to be discussed or voted on.
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	

**VI. Discussion/information items**

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Folklorico Stipend for iInstructor
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<b>Folklorico Instruction:</b> There will only be one instructor next year. A parent has requested a stipend for the instructor who currently volunteers time. <b>Fairness Concerns:</b> The council discussed the "slippery slope" of stipends. Several coaches (flag football) and club leaders (robotics) currently <b>volunteer without pay</b> .
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
The administration will research budget allocations before committing, as they cannot use "undesignated" funds for stipends.	

<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Clarity on how staff and community can go about requesting funds
<b>DISCUSSION NOTES</b>	<b>The Handbook Project:</b> The council plans to create a clear <b>outline or "visual tree"</b> for the handbook. This will explain what the School Council is responsible for, how staff can request funds, and the difference between tax credits and other budget lines. <b>Tax Credit Push:</b> To avoid the "last-minute scramble," the <b>Yearbook Club</b> will use their design skills (Canva) to create "splashy" flyers during their downtime. <b>Targeted Marketing:</b> These flyers will be pushed in November/December to encourage donations to specific programs like Fine Arts (which is low on funds) or specific sports teams.
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	
The Site Council will communicate with Teacher Mr. Mills about having the Yearbook Club create flyers during their down time.	

**VII.** Submission of items for next agenda.

This was our final Site Council meeting for the school year.

**VIII.** The meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Ortiz at 4:34pm.

