

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Quarter 1 Meeting Minutes

- Welcome
- Introductions & Purpose
- PAC/ELAC Liaison Matt O'Connell (MO) greeted guests as they arrived and officially began meeting at 6:02 PM.
 - MO introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the first PAC of the year. MO reviewed planned agenda items, including school updates, important dates, and student awards.
 - MO requested all attendees complete poll with information as to student/PCG/staff and which charter.
- MO introduced Damaris Owens (DO), Principal, to review purpose of PAC meetings and school vision. PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) Meetings provide families opportunities to share ideas and connect with school staff. DO reviewed school vision, including student objectives (GRIT). DO reviewed Elev8 student demographics, including student population size.
- Jenn Unis (JU), Principal, introduced herself and the celebration of Personalized Learning Month, which takes place in August. JU encouraged students and PCGs to share the benefits of Personalized Learning with friends and family, including on social media. JU asked attendees (specifically students and PCGs what they have received in our personalized learning environment that has been beneficial to their learning experience.
- School Updates
 - Assembly Bill 84
 - JU introduced concerns regarding AB 84, and explained how its passage would negatively impact charter schools. JU urged students, PCGs, and staff to advocate for "No on Assembly Bill 84" to protect our students. JU encouraged attendees to vote no on AB 84 and to encourage their friends and family to do the same. JU shared QR codes for stopab84.com as well as one to encourage attendees to read the bill.
 - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
 - JU explained the purpose and requirements of LCAP. Explained 4 goals of LCAP: increase academic progress, increase student attendance, college/career readiness, and parent engagement. JU outlined the specific actions being taken at Elev8 to meet each individual goal throughout the year, including specific metrics and measures for success (i.e. student goals of minimum credit completion rate and signing monthly attendance, and grad rates)
 - Grade Level Assignments: JU outlined method of grade level of advancement. JU emphasized that students are not advanced without credit completion. JU reviewed testing requirements at each grade level as well as estimated graduation rates based on varying credit completion rates.

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- MO asked attendees to complete poll asking where they'd like to see additional funding being spent. Choices included academic supports, mental health and wellness, engagement opportunities, and technology.
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan (CSI): Blair Jenkins (BJ), Tutor Program Coordinator, introduced herself and explained the purpose and components of Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) Plans. CSI Plans are written plans for schools who have low performance based on state measures. BJ reviewed DASS requirements, as well as how/when students are "counted" in graduation rate; specifically, that DASS graduation rate is not counted or recognized by the federal government. BJ reviewed the "why" of why Elev8 schools are required to be on CSI plan (due to grad rate as measured by federal government). Current goal is to increase CA Dashboard grad rate by 1% each year. BJ reviewed 2023-2024 SY results, per the CA Dashboard; announced that 2024-2025 SY results will be released 11/15/2025.
- Counselor Updates:
 - Jess Bradley (JB), Lead School Counselor, introduced herself and began to review school counseling team updates. JB reviewed the benefits of Dual Enrollment (DE) and explained that the enrollment process can be rigorous, but the counseling team is here to help at every step of the process. JB introduced "Senior Social" event for
 - current seniors, during which deadlines, graduation ceremony info, and college planning and other pertinent info is discussed.
 - JB reviewed the mental health/SEL support staff available, including social work and school psychologist. Additionally, there are outside agencies available for free mental health services for students, including Hazel and CareSolace.
 - JB reviewed upcoming student workshop dates and topics available for students, including mindfulness meetings, college and career series, as well as building support networks.
- Student Opportunities for Engagement
 - Zenaida Alcantar (ZA), JAG Specialist, introduced herself to discuss opportunities for student engagement, including workshops featuring first responders, the LA job corps, as well as culinary/hospitality professionals.
- NWEA Growth Assessment
 - DO reviewed purpose of NWEA and how the data is used here at Elev8. DO explained that assessments are conducted twice per year (including this October) to measure growth; results will be discussed in PCG conferences.

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- Important Dates
 - DO reviewed important dates, including NWEA testing assessment, (10/20-10/23), PCG conferences (November 10-13), the next PAC meeting (11/20), and winter graduation (01/08/26)
 - PCG Poll: Preferred Modes of Communication
 - MO requested students/PCG answer poll regarding preferred modes of communication
- LP 1 & 2 Student G.R.I.T. Awards
 - MO introduced student outcome-based GRIT awards. G - Growth, R - Resilience, I - Independence, T - Transformation.
 - 14 students recognized with awards
- Adjournment
 - DO thanked all attendees and congratulated all award winners. She reviewed principal contact info and dismissed attendees by ending the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM