

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Quarter 1

Meeting Agenda

Date: 08/26/2026
Time: 5:15 P.M.

Please note the meeting minutes are for the following Principal		
Principal Velasco	Vista Norte Charter School	
Minutes Recorded by:	Raquel Goyenaga (Notes taken by Bryan Huerta)	
# Students: 9	# Parents: 8	# Staff: 9 Raquel Goyenaga Bryan Huerta Monica Gutierrez Denisse Campo Fidel Ceja Memo Velasco Martha Vasquez Brittney Calderon Gerardo Pulido

- I. Meeting start time: 5:15 PM
- II. Welcome and Staff Introductions

Raquel Goyenaga welcomed attendees and introduced herself. She provided Spanish interpretation throughout the meeting to support families whose primary language is Spanish. Raquel Goyenaga thanked parents for attending and noted that many families had received an invitation to the meeting. Raquel Goyenaga reviewed the meeting agenda and explained that the PAC and ELAC meetings were being held consecutively. She introduced Brittney Calderon, Monica Gutierrez, Gerardo Pulido, Martha Vasquez, Rogelio Velasco, and Fidel Ceja as members of the administrative and support staff in attendance. Attendees were reminded to complete online registration if they had not already done so.
- III. Registration (Reg-Online Reminder)!

Raquel Goyenaga reminded parents and students that online registration forms are due. Parents and students can use the QR code from the presentation or visit the front desk to get the link. Students that are 18+ can sign their own documents but they sign as both students and parents.
- IV. Important Items for Educational Partner Feedback

a. Learn4Life School Model & Attendance

Raquel Goyenaga presented a short video about our school culture and expectations. The video shared that students need to attend school 2 times per week to work with their teacher and a tutor. The expectation of at least 1 credit per week was shared in the video. All participants were also reminded that our school is cell-phone free and that phones are to be locked for safekeeping when students arrive for school. Participants were asked to complete part of our survey.

b. What is LCAP?

Raquel Goyenaga presented a short video about the LCAP. The LCAP has 4 goals and is a plan to support students. The plan includes how much money the school receives for its budget. The LCAP helps support students through the purchase of technology, social-emotional support services, graduation, and English Learners. We also use the funds to purchase nutritious food for our students. The LCAP also helps support our school outreach to the community. Participants were asked to complete part of our survey. Mrs. Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

c. What is Comprehensive School Improvement (CSI)

Raquel Goyenaga presented about CSI. A short media clip was played that explained about Comprehensive School Improvement. The school was identified for CSI because we did not meet the federal graduation rate. Our graduation rate has improved, but our graduation rate is still below the target. This past year, we hired more tutors to help students. We asked for the support of students and parents to encourage students to attend 2 times per week to work with a teacher and tutor. Mrs. Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

d. What is Differentiated Assistance?

Raquel Goyenaga presented about DA. A short media clip was played that explained Differentiated Assistance. The school qualified for Differentiated Assistance because we had student groups in the red. The Dashboard is easy to read and has items like attendance, graduation rate, test scores, and other items on it. This year, we created a team to support improvement. Our team is focusing on how well our English Learner students perform on the reclassification tests (also called the English Learner Performance Index or ELPI). He asked for participants to complete part of our survey. Mrs. Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

e. What is CA School Dashboard?

Raquel Goyenaga presented about CSI. A short media clip was played that explained about the California School Dashboard. It is a report of the school's progress in key areas such as state test scores, graduation rate, and college and career readiness. A copy of the report can be requested from a staff member at the meeting this evening. Mrs. Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

Raquel Goyenaga distributed a survey, in which participants completed one section at a time as the videos were presented.

V. Grants Update (AMS, LREBG, and SSPD)

- i. Raquel Goyenaga presented about Art and Music in Schools Grant. We receive Art and Music in Schools (AMS) Grant funds that have been used to hire 1 art teacher. The AMS grant funds are received each year and are also used to purchase classroom supplies.
- ii. Raquel Goyenaga presented about the Learning Recovery Grant. The school has received \$63,500 in Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant (LREBG) funds to help increase student success, support student mental health, and tutoring.
- iii. Raquel Goyenaga presented about Student Support and Professional Development (SSPD) grant. The school has received \$595,000 to support students, increase professional development for staff, expand safety services, and other costs. We plan to attend multiple PDs this year, such as Learning Without Learning and charter school conferences.

Mrs. Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

VI. Important Upcoming Events

a. Upcoming field trips

Information was provided regarding an upcoming Senior Rally for seniors with 40 credits or fewer.

Martha Vasquez explained that students must meet the applicable deadline to participate in graduation and referenced deadlines of April 30 and May 3. The specific deadline should be verified before final submission of the minutes.

Martha Vasquez also discussed upcoming student trips, including a local college visit and a trip to Medieval Times scheduled for November 19. Seating for the Medieval Times trip is limited.

Gerardo Pulido asked whether the Medieval Times trip was limited to seniors. Martha Vasquez clarified that the trip is available to students more broadly, provided they meet the required credit requirements and receive teacher recommendations.

Brittney Calderon later reviewed additional upcoming school events, including a college tour and a Sony Pictures tour in Downtown Disney.

b. Upcoming school activities

Martha Vasquez, counselor, thanked attendees and presented information regarding initiatives from the school counseling department. She explained that the counseling department is working to support students with credit completion and plans to reach students in grades 9–12 to discuss their academic goals and determine how the counseling department can support them.

Martha Vasquez reviewed the Next Gen Journey event held on August 12 for students in grades 9 and 10. The event provided information intended to help students understand and achieve academic success.

Martha Vasquez also reviewed flyers containing information about JAG, employment opportunities, arts courses, and dual enrollment opportunities.

Gerardo Pulido provided information regarding the school's food pantry and food distribution program, which is available to families every Wednesday. He distributed an informational flyer to attendees.

Brittney Calderon also informed attendees about the after-school program, which includes arts and crafts activities.

A school supply drive scheduled for Sunday, August 30, 2026, was announced, and parents were invited to participate.

Raquel Goyenaga provided Spanish interpretation throughout the presentation.

VII. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on **October 28, 2026**

VIII. Adjournment

Raquel Goyenaga thanked attendees for participating in the meeting and invited families to take additional pizza.

Evangelina Zaragoza was recognized for her involvement and participation as a parent.

A parent/student raffle was held, with school supplies and a shoulder and neck massager offered as prizes. Daniel Pulido was selected as the raffle winner.

Meeting end time: 6:37 PM.