

Lynn Urquides Family Engagement Team | Minutes 2024-2025

Meeting Date – 03/17/2025

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting started at 9 AM and ended at 09:50 AM

Members present	Dehnnny Nin (SCL), Ally Clingman Kittle, Elma Puentes, Patsy Corday, Araceli Gomez, Angel Dickson & Marisa Salcido
Members absent	none

I. Welcome – SCL welcomed members

II. Agenda – SCL went over the agenda

Focus Group – 2/19 - Facilitator: Trinidad Bueno, La Frontera

Moving Forward

Ideas/Suggestions

III. Focus Group

We Had a total of 7 people attending our focus group. Out of the 7 people, 3 were new to this group, 2 no longer have children that attend Lynn Urquides but are active L.U. volunteers and 5 are parents/grandparents

- I invited all parents that received holiday help
- I invited parents who are new to the school
- I invited parents that have expressed an interest in getting involved
- I invited parents that asked to be in the focus group

SCL discussed that I made sure parents were told that just because they got help it did not mean that they HAD to help. SCL posted asking for all parents/guardians to join the Focus Group.

SCL showed report sent over by Trinidad Bueno, Facilitator

LYNN URQUIDES SCHOOL - FOCUS GROUP REPORT

FEBRUARY 2025

Questions:

1.What prevents you from volunteering/participating in Lynn Urquides events?

- No one asked me to volunteer, please let us know.
- I am a volunteer on field trips, and parents are not present, I am not sure why, because the school is open to parents.
- I work every day, so I can only volunteer during the afternoon.
- There are many families who participate.
- There is a lot of work as a volunteer to assist in the school events.
- Parents can ask the school staff about activities or check Dojo for events.
- I am aware that coming to school for the first time makes us lazy, but then we realize that school needs such as school supplies or field trips for our children, so we work hard as a volunteer for those things.

2.What activity will bring you to the school?

- Parents workshops after 5:00pm or 5:30pm
- School dances/ holiday dances I can talk with some friends that they are DJ so we can have free music.
- I would like to know if Kidco (after school program) is still open.
- I would like to see more children's events such as art and music.
- Math workshops for parents and children.
- Tutoring for children.
- Classes for parents regarding their rights and resources at school.

3.What time will work better for you to come to school activities?

- Advanced notice of school activities.
- Cafecito meetings every two months after school for parents that work late after 5:00 or 5:30pm
- Early in the morning when we drop our children.
- School events are after 2:00pm, I would like to support the children.

4.Do you think your student's behavior would improve if you were more visible in/around the school?

- No, I believe that my grandson will act out if he sees me, may be other children are different, but he did not change his behavior if I was here.
- Yes, I am aware that children's behavior changes when parents are present in school.
- There were classes where parents could attend with their children during the day in their classroom and observe what they were doing. The children were calmer, felt safe and proud that their parents were with them.
- I have been a volunteer for many years and my children are happy that I am there with them, the children like to see their parents at school.
- My presence at my daughter's school helped her greatly because she was very shy and now, she is more confident.

5. Do you have any ideas for any future parent engagement activities?

- Have two meetings, one in the morning and the other one after 5:00 or 5:30pm for parents that work late.
- Engage parents during sports events.
- Encourages children to invite their parents to school events, granting them points or tickets that they can exchange in the school store or free dress.
- Disseminate information about school activities in diverse ways and inform parents how PTA funds are spent.
- Spread by word-of-mouth to other parents about school activities.
- Keep parents informed of school activities at least once a month.

Principal Salcido made sure that we all understood that she has an open-door policy, all parents/guardians are welcome to come in with their students either to their classrooms or to see her.

The team was shocked with some answers from question 1 as the school is always asking for volunteers to our numerous events. Asking for volunteer help is done through Class Dojo, either Mrs. Dehnny or by individual teachers.

For trip volunteers, Mrs. Dehnny suggested certificates thanking them for participating, it was agreed that trips are something parents do for fun with their students and certificates will not be passed out.

The team also declined classes for parents that can keep staff/teachers at school after 5 PM because, historically, we have low turnout for these classes. Mrs. Salcido gave an example of Mrs. Burgueño preparing and having a class for math homework help for parents of PreK, Kinder and 1st grade students. Mrs. Burgueño invited all parents to come, and she had less than 10 parents come either in person or through Zoom. Mrs. Salcido reported that Mrs. Burgueño stayed on her own time and did not get paid for this class.

Mrs. Salcido that KIDCO has to be assigned to our school and 21st Century, just finished at this school and she is unsure when she will apply for this grant again.

IV. Moving forward/Thoughts/Ideas/Suggestions

Mrs. Salcido suggested that in the future, Mrs. Dehnnny could write a PTA corner every month explaining what the PTA has spent, or certain teachers, staff or school need to give parents an idea of how much the PTA does for the school.

Mr. Dickson recommended that for next year, the PTA can buy a small gift or a \$20 gift certificate to encourage more parents to attend the focus group.

Mr. Dickson also recommended that the PTA buy signs that Sam the Coyote could hold to advertise important meetings such as Cafécito or Focus Group.

SCL reported that volunteer flyers had been posted, will be sent home today for help with the Spring Festival. There were also donation requests for baskets for the festival sent home before Spring Break.

SCL thank all participants and the meeting was adjourned.