

**ELAC Meeting**  
November 14, 2019  
4:15 pm – 5:20 pm

Members Present:

Rosario De La Torre  
Araceli Hansen  
Beatrice Javier  
Lorena Lopez  
Ms. Moore (MHS Counselor)  
Mrs. Amador (Spanish Teacher)

Parents Present:

Martha Perez  
Reyna Gonzalez  
Karla Orosco  
Rocio Virgen-Casas  
Paula Torres  
Abigail Hernandez  
Robby Chan  
Fabiola Ochoa  
Maricela Torres  
Claudia Camareno

Opening: Welcomed Parents. Thanked everyone for coming. We introduced ourselves to those parents that may be new.

Discussion:

Alondra Camareno began introducing herself with the presentation she prepared for parents in regards to College preparedness.

1. Alondra's presentation will be attached to these minute notes. The presentation is in Spanish, but was translated in English verbally for those English speakers.
2. Mrs. Amador asked a question if she understood correctly when Alondra mentioned that MHS pays for students' college credits as long as they have A's and B's. Ms. Moore spoke on this for clarification, she mentioned that parents pay out of pocket but the school will reimburse them for it.
3. Mrs. Amador asked if the school is paying for classes that relate to majors or is it for general ed. Courses? Ms. Moore mentioned it is for general ed. And typically for courses that can transfer for majors.

4. Alondra pointed towards the back tables with resources available to parents to inform themselves of College preparedness.
5. A parent asked if the SAT or ACT test if they have to take both? Alondra answered with no, students get a choice but are able to take both to see which one they score best at.
6. Alondra added to this with the school refunding students if they take the SAT as well.
7. Another parent asked if there is a difference with parents attending a charter vs a public school are there any advantages? Ms. Moore answered with colleges comparing students who have the same opportunities as others, for instance colleges will take a look at students who are taking AP/IB classes, but for us here, we don't have that at Millennium so the colleges would understand that it wouldn't apply for them here.
8. That same parent asked when do students start accumulating credits for college. Alondra answered with for her, she started accumulating it during her sophomore year. Mrs. De La Torre mentioned that students can take courses during FAST TRACK as well.
9. A parent asked about scholarships. Alondra said she has websites that she knows of that are available to students. She said there are myths out there that not all students can apply but she said that's not true, some scholarships are available to all students and some cost money to apply.
10. A parent asked what is the tuition for students going to college. Ms. Moore spoke on that it ranges depending on college/university and other things that come with it like if you will live on or off campus, books, etc.
11. Ms. Moore spoke on FAFSA, she is telling parents about applying for financial aid and it's free from the state or federal, loan qualification, work study, to even scholarships for private schools. She recommends when filling it out to apply to as many schools because if you get awarded, you can compare how much you are given.
12. A parent asked when applying for a scholarship, is it for low income families? Mrs. De La Torre said there are many options available. Some target ethnicities, but overall the just vary and it is good to apply. Ms. Moore added that she actually hands out scholarships to students when she hears or find out about them and gives it to her students (seniors).

In the end parents were thanked for coming and we closed out the meeting. (Parent's approached teachers and counselor with additional questions after meeting ended.)