

Montessori Community Council (formerly Equity Council)
Informational Meeting
4/15/2025 from 3:15-4:00 in Ms. Sherry's Room

I. Welcome

A. Overview of Agenda for today

New name to be more inviting

1. Update on 220 El Pueblo
2. Update on School Breakfast/Lunch
3. 2025-2026 Budget Overview- Stan Albright
4. 2025-2026 Calendar Overview- contingent on PED

II. 220 El Pueblo

A. Building update

Project timeline- we have purchased the building Dec 2024, demolition has begun this month, improvements will continue over the summer we need PNM to get our transformer installed, scheduled to get keys by 7/31/25, we might reach out to the community for moving support. We are adding a 4th/5th and 3rd grade classroom as well as a lunch program- email Javier the project manager information for the PNM transformer

B. Tentative transportation between campuses plan

Tentative transportation between campuses parents can drop off kids at the main campus then take them to middle school. Pick up at the other campus at the end of the day.

III. School Breakfast/Lunch for 2025-2026

A. Meeting with vendor

Canteen will possibly be the organization to provide breakfast and lunch.

B. What it will look like

All students at both campuses will be able to avail of the program. Food not eaten will be available for families to be picked up after school. Lunch counts will be taken with attendance, we don't have a full cafeteria or kitchen, but they will be grab and go. We will have a cooler and heater. Question about nutrition. Meals must be in a

specific cost range so it will be reimbursed to us. Not sure how much wiggle room there is to change the items offered.

IV. 2025-2026 Budget Overview

SEG- state equalization guarantee formula accounts for 94% of our budget depending on the year.

Operational fund- salaries, benefits

Capital outlay- property tax money. Lease assistance fund gives us support to buy this building and for the facility

Federal funds- Title I through Title IV, IDEA funds for SpEd

Activities funds- money raised through events in schools, try to put money for EAs since we are not funded for EAs except for K classrooms

V. 2025-2026 Calendar Overview

Proposed calendar must be approved by Governing Council and PED, not set in stone. Right now we are starting school on Aug 5th.

We built in conference days, which is part of our charter renewal. We have to take election day off, it is in statute now. Spring break is aligned with APS, hopefully also Rio Rancho. Parent comment that pickup time is 10 mins later, and that adds to each day. 8:15-8:40 is drop off with breakfast. Still hoping to have after care at main campus and Carmel. Very difficult to staff aftercare. There will be no aftercare at the middle school campus so those middle schoolers that need it will be here.

Concerns have been raised about parking on campus. Also concerned about increased number of classes and parking availability. We might shift 9-11 pickup where middle school pickup is now, or kindergarden.

There is no real solution right now for middle school parents who park on Montano. Its been a problem but hoping the middle school move will impact things next year. We are sending reminders in the hope that it works better.

Mr. Ryan and Pat try to monitor the traffic flow. The staggering of traffic.

Send another reminder about traffic and middle school and when it starts.

Great parent idea: LDS, eagle scout, or girl scout projects to do landscaping and help improve the grounds of the other campus.

