

San Diego Workforce Innovation High School 2026 – 2027 Quarter 1 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2026 @ 5:30 PM – 4348 54th St, San Diego, CA 92115

Attendees		
Parents: 46	Students: 28	Staff: 14

I. Important School Updates

- a. Meeting Started at 5:57 PM
- b. Lapadula-
 - i. Welcome to our PAC meeting, PAC stands for Parent Advisory Committee.

II. Counselor Updates

- a. Lapadula-
 - i. Deadline for next graduation deadline is October 30th. If you are planning on graduating this fall, you need to have all credits done by Oct 30
 - ii. If you are not sure if you are on track or not, go see Ms. McKenna
 - iii. Dual enrollment courses are available, we will talk about that in another slide
 - iv. 9/30 there is the San Diego College of Continuing Ed Field Trip
 - v. Mesa College Field Trip – Fall 2026
 - vi. JAG career presentations: Medical on 9/2 and media and entertainment 11/4
 - vii. College and career class coming up oct 2026
 - viii. September is suicide prevention month,
 - 1. We have free therapy services for students through Hazel Health please see Ms. McKenna or Ms. Sarina or Ms. Medina
 - ix. We do have an on-site social worker, Ms. Sarina (here Mon and Tues), for short-term sessions
 - x. New staff member, Ms. Medina, is joining us! We are so happy to have her serving our students
 - 1. Parents and families and students clap

III. Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan (CSI) and Differentiated Assistance (DA)

a. Lapadula-

- i. CSI and DA are very similar programs, one is from state and one is from federal govt, mainly to improve our [4/5](#) year cohort student graduation rate, until we hit the goal.
- ii. We are tasked with catching students up at an adequate pace to graduate within 4/5 years of starting high school. Large task but we are getting better at it, as you can see, 2 school years ago, 32% graduated in 4/5 years, this past year it was 40%, we grew by 8% this school year. I am planning on 10% this next school year. It comes down to individualized conversations on your required progress that will be tailored to when you need to graduate by.

IV. Student Opportunities

a. Mr. Beluso-

- i. I am here to share some opportunities for students; all of these are supporting students in getting credits done each week, preparing for workforce, applying for college. If you are interested in any of these, please reach out to your teacher, Ms. McKenna, anyone really.
- ii. Small group instruction: In each of our subjects, we have teachers who take the time to meet twice a week to work on credits in small groups of 10-15 students. Right now we have Algebra 1 SGI with Ms. Trinh, she will continue onto 10th grade math (Geometry), and then ALgebra II. In science, me and Mrs. Castaneda are doing life science right now, and then we will be starting Earth Science October 19, come see us if you want to sign up. For history, Mr. Vance will be doing world history in 10th grade on September 9th. And, this week, we just started our newest cohort of SLAM Poetry, which counts for English credits in any grade. They work on poetry writing, public speaking skills, taught by Mr. Nieto and supported by Ms. Mercedes. You will receive info soon about their showcase, and then they will start up again in the spring.

b. Dual Enrollment

- i. We partner with West Hills College to offer college classes for students. Enrollment closes September 11th. College success, career exploration, health, and job search class.

c. Career Technical Education (CTE)

- i. We are excited to announce that we have new programs in different fields: Medical Office Assistant, Digital Marketing, Culinary, Digital Technology (IT), Business, and Assistant Preschool Teacher. Please contact your teacher if you are interested in any of these programs.

- ii. I want to celebrate some of our students that have completed our CNA program (172 hours, CTE Pathway Computer, BLS/CPR certified, CNA certified):
 - 1. Genesis Gomez
- d. Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)
 - i. We have a staff member Ms. Chloe who will tell you more about it.
 - ii. Ms. Chloe- I am the JAG specialist on this campus to get mentorship on building resumes, applying for jobs, preparing for life after high school. I work with students to help them discover their career goals and build a plan before they graduate. A lot of my students also go to community college as well. I offer universal supports for all students through researching job openings, resume building, and mock interviews.
- e. Reality changers- one of our new partners, here in the evenings, they support students in applying for college. They have slots open where some of our students can apply for their program, they have scholarships, help applying for college, applying for jobs, etc.
- f. Community Wraparound- they meet with restorative circles each week, they talk about different topics, they are a great resource for students who may have any type of difficulties outside of school. They are a great mentorship program.
- g. After-Hours Tutoring: Our tutors Ms. Sanchez and Mrs. Castaneda run tutoring 7-9 PM, and teachers/tutors from other sites run after-hours tutoring on Wednesday and Thursday.

V. Feedback Questions

- a. Lapadula- if you could change one thing about our school to make it better, what would it be? We will ask this question for a few minutes, and then we will move on to student awards.

VI. Student Awards

- a. Reclassification award- (Morales: presented to Aden Saney)
- b. Honor Roll- (Castaneda)
- c. Credit Crusher- (Beluso: presented to students who have completed 30+ credits last semester, which is impressive because they are doing more than 1 credit each week. This means they are balancing multiple classes)
- d. Principal List- (Lapadula: presented to students who completed 20+ credits last semester with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. I will ask students to stay up here for a group photo)

VII. Next Meeting Date

- a. Thank you SO MUCH for coming out to our awards ceremony.
- b. Our next one is November 10, 2026.



VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM