

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Parent and Community Services
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Thursday, April 21, 2022
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Paul Robak, PAC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed members in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Yolanda Fort Swinton in English and by Raquel Toscano in Spanish, both PAC members from LD West and LD East

III. Public Comments: *Five Speakers, two minutes each*

Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak on any subject matter within the jurisdiction of the committee.

No comments.

IV. Material Review

Ariel Harman Holmes, PAC Public Relations Officer, reviewed the documents emailed to the membership.

Items included Chairperson report, Agenda, Minutes and Notes from prior meetings, Office of PCS Update, PAC LCAP comments, Consolidated Application and Federal Addendum Presentation, Pledge of Allegiance, Parent LCAP Comments Program Guide in English and Spanish.

A member made a comment that one of the documents was in PowerPoint and only in English and expressed dissatisfaction.

A PCS staff member stated that all documents were in fact translated in English and Spanish and in PDF format.

V. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Members were seated and Margaret Orenstein, PAC Secretary, carried out the roll call at 10:29 a.m. and a quorum was established with 33 members present.

2 Alternates were seated at 10:30 a.m.

Email families@lausd.net if you know possible representatives for the PAC, especially EL Parent and Foster Youth.

VI. Minutes: *Action Item - Review and approve the minutes for March 17, 2022.*

Minutes were reviewed by Tara Kroeger. Danica Middleton moved to accept the minutes from March 17, 2022, with any needed additions, deletions and/or corrections. Gabriela Rangel second the motion. The motion was followed by an opportunity for discussion and a vote was taken:

Yes: 29 No:0 Abstain: 1 Motion: Adopted

VII. Greeting from LAUSD Board Member Jackie Goldberg, Board District 5

Board Member Jackie Goldberg gave her greeting and opened it to questions:

Members raised their hands and were answered in the order in which they raised their hands. They were each given 1 minute to ask a question.

VIII. The Chair's Report:

Chairperson Robak read aloud the report that was sent via email to PAC members.

- Paul Robak read his report. The main topic was a letter sent to COSAs and PACE officers requesting that they make town halls more interactive rather than webinars to increase open communication between parents and administrators.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item.

- Public comment: None
- Member comment: There was much discussion about UTLA and parent/student led groups.

IX. Office of Parent and Community Services Update:

PAC Administrator's Report was sent to members and reviewed by Heidi Mahmud

Parent Academy Ideas: they are seeking feedback

- 1) 4 Pathways
- 2) Parent Academy with weekly classes - what topics are we not talking about enough?

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item.

X. Consolidated Application and Federal Addendum Overview

PAC does not have a role in approving the Consolidated Application and Federal Addendum Overview, but a detailed presentation was given on how these processes and programs work. The slides that were used in the presentation were emailed to PAC members.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item.

Q - Are arts funded? A- Arts get funding through other sources.

Q - How are we keeping standards high for teachers? A- Working teacher recruitment and retention. Communicating with universities for outreach and referrals.

C- Highschool students need more social emotional support during the college application process.

Q- Is there a system that requires teachers to complete PD? A- Some PD is required but not all. Some school sites offer compensation but not all. Best to organize at a local level based on student needs.

Q- Translation isn't offered, why not? A- Translation laws don't apply for oral translation. Agrees that this is not acceptable and encourages advocacy on the matter.

Action item: Motion to extend the meeting to allow sufficient time to complete the agenda.

Sonia Reiter moved to extend the meeting to allow sufficient time to complete the agenda.

Nishmeth Vargas second the motion. The motion was followed by an opportunity for discussion and a vote was taken:

Yes: 26 No: 2 Abstain: 0 Motion: Adopted

XI. Review and Approve PAC LCAP Comment: *Action Item*

PAC LCAP comments were reviewed thoroughly by Chairperson Robak.

2 members expressed that, parents want their comments to be taken seriously both as PAC members and at the LCAP Study Group Level.

Questions were raised about what a PAC member should do if they strongly disagree with one or more comments up for approval. Should the member vote no on the motion to approve all comments? Should PAC members have an opportunity to discuss comments and move to vote on potential changes before being asked to vote to approve all comments? Should members simply vote yes on all comments because we don't have room in the schedule for debate and therefore, must agree to disagree?

Many members left the meeting because it went well over the scheduled time.

Quorum was lost at 2:09 p.m. so we were not able to move to approve the PAC LCAP Comments.

XII. Announcements from PAC Membership and PCS Staff

Dates for upcoming meetings were shared.

Flier for Multilingual Multicultural general session and pathway to biliteracy awards was shared.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item.

XIII. Adjournment: *Action Item*

Paul Robak, PAC Chairperson, closed the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Minutes taken by PAC Secretary and Assistant Secretary Margaret Orenstein and Tara Kroeger

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Notes respectfully submitted by Margaret Orenstein and Tara Kroeger, PAC Secretary and Assistant Secretary.