

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Parent and Community Services
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Paul Robak, PAC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed those members in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Lidia Garcia, PAC member from 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. Packet Review

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

V. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Members were seated and Margaret Orenstein, PAC Secretary carried out the roll call at 10:24 a.m. and quorum was established with 34 members present.

4 Alternates were seated at 10:50am.

VI. Minutes: *Action Items - Review and approve the minutes for November 18, 2021.*

Margaret Orenstein moved to accept the minutes from November 18, 2021 with any needed additions, deletions and/or corrections. Danica Middleton second the motion. The motion was followed by an opportunity for discussion and a vote was taken:

Yes: 31 No: 0 Abstain:0 Motion: adopted

VII. **Greeting from LAUSD Board Member *Dr. George Mc Kenna***

PAC is important for the district to consider parent needs.

Issues:

Zoom: we have tried to be respectful as possible and we are doing the most testing of any district in the country. We have >90% adherence to policies.

Legislative updates. In favor of funding schools with enrollment not ADA.

Troubled by movement away from admission tests. Cal State system doesn't give a test anymore. This is a distraction from academic excellence and from competing globally. And how do we keep them in. There are not people who cannot learn but there are people who cannot teach.

New Supt joining in late February. He works in another urban district, Miami.

Q&A:

Tara Kroeger: Are there plans to continue mandatory weekly covid testing at least throughout this school year in order to monitor covid rates and assess health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff?

- Yes until we get advice from the doctors and PH that we no longer need to do that.

I think we are way beyond the assumption that this district will attempt to go above and beyond the minimum - especially since our district bargained to give the least amount of live instruction in the entire state for nearly 2 years. So attendance funding makes them fight to be better instead of taking those students for granted.

- Said that he understood the comment but did not agree.

CDC just said that prior infection gives just as good, if not better defense against COVID. Will the district consider prior covid infection too qualify as vaccinated?

- LAUSD will not accept prior infection

My child has lost her first two years of education in high school. she continues to come home saying she is not learning anything. How will the district provide teachers who are willing to teach rigorous, useful instruction? What are we doing about long term substitutes versus daily fillers.

- We have a shortage. But there is also an attitude of "these children can't learn". We are not doing what we could do without the pandemic.

Provided parents Dr. McKenna's email address. George.mckenna@lausd.net

Since we don't have support to help our children. How are you measuring the learning of our children. You say that they are learning but are they learning at grade level? I don't think it has been taken into account that the year needs to be repeated. Many children and staff are going through mental health problems. How can the district be more proactive about missing competency and captivate the digital parent groups at all schools? Parents are not being involved.

- The district needs to be giving better information. I will be talking to staff about how to get better information out there. How do we know if students are making up the learning loss?

A parent inquired about allowing teachers to do zoom instead.

- Dr Mckenna said this is an option through COS.

VIII. The Chair's Report:

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

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

Maria Daisy Ortiz asked why local study groups aren't here.

Chairperson Robak requested that LCAP study group dates be shared with members.

IX. Office of Parent and Community Services Update:

Reina Diaz read Mr Placencias comments.

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

No comments from public.

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No comment

X. LCAP Presentation / Update

Dr. Derrick Chau, Sarah Chevallier, and Karen Long presented on the following topics and provided a link to the slides, which was also sent to PAC members via email.

Informational Update on February LCAP Supplemental Update to Board - including a summary of revenues, implementation on ESSER III plan, available outcomes, midyear expenditures, etc. Nothing will be changed. It's just a summary report.

December Training Information Review - Timeline and process for PAC feedback was reviewed. Excellent attendance, school safety and climate, basic services.

ThoughtExchange Overview - Example of SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, time-based) comment was given as was the QR code. There is no limit to the number of comments that one can submit.

Q&A Session with Presenters

Members of the public were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item. There were none.

XI. Comment Development LCAP Goals:

Reina Diaz discussed logistics and overviews prior to breakouts.

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Action Item: Marcela Garcia made a motion to extend the meeting to allow the agenda to be completed. Joaquina Santibanez seconded the motion. The motion was followed by an opportunity for discussion and a vote was taken:

Yes: 33 No: 0 Abstain:0 Motion: adopted

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Members moved into 2 breakout sessions for 20 minutes each and were given an opportunity to speak on this agenda item.

- Excellence Attendance (Goal 3)
- School Safety and Climate (Goal 5)
- Basic Services (Goal 6)

XII. Announcements from PAC members and PCS staff

PAC - Dates for future dates were shared.

PCS - 2 events on Saturday 1/22 - Conference for International Students and Latino Literacy Summit

Members- Maria Daisy Ortiz asked about her motion to review and approve the consolidated application. Chairperson Robak said he is working on it but his understanding is that DLAC is currently the only committee that has the opportunity to review and approve the application.

PAC cannot force the district to change a policy by making a motion, but he will continue to look into it though.

XIII. Adjournment: *Action Item*

Paul Robak, PAC Chairperson, closed the meeting at 1:38 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.