

Parent Advisory Committee

Foster Youth Subcommittee Report

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Our committee met on 4-15-21. We were joined by Dr. Denise Miranda, Director, Student Support Services, LAUSD and our regular members along with Paul Robak, PAC Chair.

On 4/6/21 the members of the Foster Youth Subcommittee were invited to join the regular monthly meeting at Edelman Court, with Dr. Miranda and other cohorts. Edelman Court is where DCFS and parent/caregiver go to get legal determinations regarding their cases. This group addresses the needs of foster youth, educational and otherwise. Paul Robak and myself were on the zoom call representing the PAC and the Foster Care sub-committee. We shared with that committee the need for more Foster Youth Caregivers on our committee with the District. An important outcome from that meeting was that the committee decided to add a Pre-School committee to address the needs of the early childhood learner in the foster care system. A commitment was made to support our effort to get more caregivers on the PAC.

After that report, our committee went on to discuss the need to increase our membership, so that all PAC spots for foster youth caregivers are filled, in order to better represent our foster youth population.

Following that, a lively discussion as to the glitches in the system that prevent getting needed information from the schools and DCFS, to the Caregivers, was had. We will continue to work on options to resolve that problem.

We invite all Resource Parents and Foster Caregivers to join us. For more information, feel free to reach out to me at: m.lee0657@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lee, Chairperson