



## LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parent, Community and Student Services Auditorium  
1360 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026  
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Friday, March 27, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### MEETING AGENDA

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| I.    | <b>Call to Order</b>   | Rachel Greene, Chairperson  |
| II.   | <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>  | Member  |
| III.  | <b>Chairperson's Report</b>  | Rachel Greene, Chairperson  |
| IV.   | <b>Parent, Community and Student Services Update</b>   | Rowena Lagrosa, Chief Executive Officer<br>Parent, Community and Student Services |
| V.    | <b>Public Comment</b><br><i>Five speakers, two minutes each</i>  | AmberMarie Irving-Elkins, Vice-Chairperson  |
| VI.   | <b>Roll Call/Establish Quorum</b>  | Kathy Kantner, Secretary  |
| VII.  | <b>Minutes</b> <i>(Action Item)</i><br><i>Review and approval of minutes</i>                           | Kathy Kantner, Secretary  |
| VIII. | <b>Unfinished Business</b> <i>(Action Item)</i><br><i>PAC Officer Election: Parliamentary</i>          | PCSS Staff  |
| IX.   | <b>Modified LCAP Goals</b><br><i>Review changes to 2015-2016 LCAP goals</i>                            | Pedro Salcido, External Affairs Advisor<br>Office of Government Relations         |
| X.    | <b>Budget Update</b><br><i>Review current and future budget projections</i>                            | Kathy Norris, Deputy Budget Director<br>Budget Services Division                  |
| XI.   | <b>Arts, Equity and the LCAP</b><br><i>Review expansion plans and targets of arts programs</i>         | Rory Pullens, Executive Director<br>Arts Education Branch                         |
| XII.  | <b>Intent and Goals for Comment Session</b><br><i>Discuss structure and content of comment session</i> | Rachel Greene, Chairperson  |
| XIII. | <b>Announcements from Members and PCSS Staff</b>   | AmberMarie Irving-Elkins, Vice-Chairperson  |
| XIV.  | <b>Adjournment</b> <i>(Action Item)</i>  | Rachel Greene, Chairperson  |

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Childcare is not provided.

Individuals wishing to speak under Public Comment must sign up at the meeting and should plan to arrive early.

**Parent, Community and Student Services  
Parent Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**Date:** March 11, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** PCSS Auditorium

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Rowena Lagrosa, Chief Executive Officer, Parent Community and Student Services (PCSS) welcomed members and attendees at 10:05 a.m. She provided an overview of the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Flag Salute was led by Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton, Parent Member

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Alvaro Alvarenga, PCSS Administrator, informed the member that no public speakers had signed up for today's meeting.

**ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Lisa Porter, PCSS Senior Parent Facilitator, encouraged members to read draft Minutes while she verified whether quorum was established. As of 10:20 there were 24 members present and one alternate waiting to be seated, so quorum was established.

During discussion about the Minutes, it was explained that there is now a new form for members to use to write verbal corrections. Suggested revisions can be discussed in person, too.

Merquisedet Absalon noted that Spanish and English translations differ. See draft Minutes, Section #3, Public Speakers. There was a discussion about how phrases can be interpreted differently.

It was requested that we summarize what the Public Speakers say. This will be added.

Hooshik Bayliss Nazarian referred members to page 3, the section that refers to her comments: in the English version it should read FAFSA. In the Spanish version the year should be corrected to read 2013/14.

Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton referred to page 2, Election. Noting the statement Karina Lopez made before her departure, Ms. Smith Conkleton requested that comments she made before her departure also be added to the Minutes. These were submitted on the proper form. She explained again her reason for leaving last time: in the past when other committees became contentious and members left, her car and tires were damaged and it was expensive to fix. So when people voiced dissatisfaction at the last PAC meeting and left early, she decided to leave as well, to ensure that her car would not be damaged. She would like her statement about why she is leaving to be included.

Page 3 paragraph 3, Hooshik Bayliss Nazarian submitted the form restating the question she asked about graduation rates.

Diana Guillen noted that in the Elections section, where Karina Lopez left, that in fact, Ms. Lopez did not leave the meeting, and that what is stated in the Minutes does not reflect what she said. Ms. Guillen notes that Ms. Lopez stated that she was interested in serving as Chair but would not do so until the Bylaws were fixed and that until corrections are made to the Bylaws she does not agree with the election process.

### **MOTION**

Paul Robak made a Motion to accept the Minutes with the necessary additions, deletions, and edits. Ambermarie Irving Elkins seconded the Motion.

Maria Daisy Ortiz asked about quorum: Ms. Porter clarified that we have quorum.

Preparations to begin a Roll Call vote on the Minutes began, and Alvaro Alvarenga reiterated these new voting procedures under the Brown Act.

Maria Daisy Ortiz questioned why the PAC members have assigned numbers at their seats. Maria Daisy Ortiz stated that she disagrees with having numbers assigned, and left the meeting.

Susuki Figueroa, an alternate, was seated. With 24 members present, quorum was maintained.

Results of the vote to approve Minutes: 1 abstention, 21 yes, and 2 no. The motion carried.

There was a question about clarifying dates on the meeting calendar: a new handout today showed a different date for the next meeting. The correct date of the next PAC meeting is March 27; it is a mandatory meeting. A revised handout will be provided to members reflecting the correction.

### **ELECTION**

Alvaro Alvarenga reviewed election procedures.

Diana Guillen noted that there was a motion from the last meeting to approve our own Bylaws, and she wants to know if we can proceed with that action at this meeting. Mr. Alvarenga stated that the Bylaws in our binder are the final ones. Ms. Guillen said that these Bylaws are from PCSS and don't include PAC input or suggestions. Mr. Alvarenga reminded the membership that over the course of several meetings, the PAC had the opportunity to review several draft versions of the Bylaws with strikeouts, and that the changes that were made were explained to members.

Ms. Guillen stated that in this case, she wishes to remove herself from today's deliberations.

Evelyn Aleman stated that she respects how Ms. Guillen always raises the importance of having our voices heard and our input provided. However, Ms. Aleman feels we were heard and we did have input. She has attended every meeting, and believes that everyone's comments and changes were taken into account. Many PAC members voted in sections of the draft Bylaws. LAUSD attorneys reviewed our draft Bylaws and made changes, which PCSS discussed with us.

Ms. Guillen expressed frustration that so many times the rights of parents are being violated; sometimes principals say parents can't even be present in schools, so parental representation does not occur.

Rachel Greene noted that at the last meeting there was a handout provided addressing new procedures for elections, and that staff answered questions, but people left. If we are not present here all together then we are removing our ability to have our voice heard. If we don't remain at meetings, we can't provide input, which means we are silencing our own voices.

Ms. Guillen agreed to stay and listen, but stated that she wanted to open a motion that 7 board positions be considered for this election. This motion was not seconded.

Ambermarie Irving Elkins stated that our job is to provide input on the LCAP. If we don't elect officers and move forward, then we are disrespecting people's time.

Geo Cable stated that the idea of having a board was ours. PCSS finally agreed that the PAC can have an executive board. By breaking quorum it's as though we're saying, "Guess what, we don't want a board." Let's move forward.

There was agreement to begin with Election procedures. PCSS staff advised everyone to turn electronic devices off.

### **ELECTION**

Mr. Alvarenga explain to the member how we would be conducting election under the new process, we will call the number that has been assigned to you and you will state your name and which candidate you wish to vote for. This is the process we will use for the four positions that we are electing for. Mrs. Porter reviewed the election guidelines.

Mrs. Porter explains to the member you may self-nominate or you may nominate another member that is present.

### **CHAIRPERSON**

The floor was open for the position of chairperson, the nominee are as follows:

- Rachel Greene
- Paul Robak
- Ambermarie Irving-Elkins

By consensus the group accepted the nominees. Each candidate was given the opportunity to make a speech as to why the members should elect them. In the first round there was no one who received a majority vote.

Candidates	Votes
Rachele Greene	12
Paul Robak	5
Ambermarie Irving-Elkins	5
Abstentions	2

It was asked if anyone wish to withdraw their name Ambermarie Irving-Elkins and Paul Robak withdraw their names. Round two results are as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Rachele Greene	23
Abstentions	1

Rachel Greene was elected as the Chairperson.

#### VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The floor was open for the position of Vice-Chairperson, the nominee are as follows:

- Ambermarie Irving-Elkins
- Paul Robak
- Evelyn Aleman
- Mamie Nelson

By consensus the group accepted the nominees. Each candidate was given the opportunity to make a speech as to why the members should elect them. In the first round there was no one who received a majority vote.

Candidates	Votes
Ambermarie Irving-Elkins	8
Paul Robak	10
Evelyn Aleman	3
Mamie Nelson	1
Abstentions	2

#### MOTION

Brent Anderson made a motion to extend the meeting to allow for more time to complete the election. This motion was seconded by Geo Cable. It was asked if anyone wish to discuss the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken: 19 yes, 3 no, and 2 abstained. The motion carried.

It was stated that the top two vote getter would have a run off. Round two results are as follows:

Candidates	Votes
Ambermarie Irving-Elkins	14
Paul Robak	8
Abstentions	2

Ambermarie Irving Elkins was elected as Vice Chair.

#### Secretary

The floor was open for the position of Secretary, the nominee was Kathy Kantner. By consensus the group accepted the nominee. The voting result is as follows:

Candidates	Votes
Kathy Kantner	22

Kathy Kantner was elected the Secretary.

A member state we did not have quorum, Mr. Alvarenga stated that once we establish a quorum it is assumed that we still have it unless a member request for the reestablishment of the quorum.

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

The floor was open for the position of Parliamentarian, the nominee are as follows:

- Paul Robak
- Jacquelym Smith-Conkleton
- Merqueisedet Absalon
- Anita Evans

By consensus the group accepted the nominees. Each candidate was given the opportunity to make a speech as to why the members should elect them.

Cesar Avelar asked PCSS staff to reestablish quorum. They did so, and found that with 22 members present, there was no longer quorum.

The election for Parliamentarian could not proceed.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

- Rachel Greene was elected Chair.
- Ambermarie Irving Elkins was elected Vice Chair.
- Kathy Kantner was elected Secretary.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- PCSS will be hosting parent workshop starting April 8, 2015 here in our office.
- Rachel Greene invited members to stay afterwards to recommend items for the agenda for the March 27, 2015 meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:05 p.m.



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Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

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Evaluation Form
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Please answer the following question.

Which part of the meeting was **most** helpful?

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I would like more information about:

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Suggestions on how we can improve:

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Additional comments, suggestions, or ideas for future training?

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