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PAC Business Meeting #1 – October 23, 2025

I want to start off by welcoming everyone to the first official business meeting of the 2025-2026 PAC. Thank you all for being here. I hope you are ready to get to work!

Before we get into PAC business, I must share some very sad news. Ms. Leah Brackins, a member of the SFACE staff, and more specifically, direct support for the PAC, passed away in August. While Mr. Plascencia will speak more about this in the SFACE report later in the meeting, I felt it was important to acknowledge the loss now. I personally only new Leah about a year, meeting for the first time at the Region North PAC elections. Leah was warm, caring, professional and a major supporter of the parents and her loss is a tremendous one. I am very disappointed that the PAC were only made aware of this horrible loss last week. PAC members, some of whom knew Leah for many years, were denied the opportunity to attend her service to honor Leah's outstanding work, support her family and pay our last respects. In the absence of that opportunity, I would ask that you please join me now in a moment of silence.

Thank you.

As we set forth on our LCAP journey, I want to remind everyone that the main responsibility of the PAC is to submit comments on the District's draft LCAP. Everyone here stood up and chose to run for a seat on the PAC. In doing so, we affirmed that we would spend all of the necessary time to educate ourselves in the LCAP, the LCFF, budgets, and much more, in order to be informed enough to make those comments. It's a monumental task. Over the coming month, the Strategic Initiatives Office (SIO) will be having (3) three, trainings. These will be (2) two hour webinars broken down into roughly a (1) one hour presentation followed by a (1) hour Q&A. These webinars will be recorded and posted on the PAC website. Attendance is not mandatory and will not count towards your PAC absence total. However, I cannot urge you strongly enough, to make sure you either attend the webinar and/or watch the recordings another time, so that you benefit from the information shared. PAC members do not receive nearly enough training and these efforts are a step in the right direction. I want to thank Dr. Elward and SFACE for pivoting and immediately incorporating the changes to the webinars that the Executive Board proposed, so that we can make these webinars effective and accessible for everyone.

Friday afternoon, everyone should have received an email from SFACE with a link to the Sub-committee Interest Google Form. It is very important that all PAC members fill out this form. The responses will inform what committees will actively meet as well as who has interest in chairing or co-chairing the sub-committees. As a reminder, the first sub-committee meetings will be held on November 21st.

I want to also take this opportunity to remind everyone to treat each other with respect. It's ok to disagree, even passionately, but no personal attacks will be tolerated. Additionally, I ask that everyone please remain mindful of the time when you are speaking. Please try to make your comments and questions as concisely as you can so we can allow as many parents as possible a chance to participate.

We know that a major deficit exists in the apparatus for us to ask questions of the presenters and more importantly, how to obtain those answers after the meeting ends. Therefore, we are rolling out a new Google Form titled "Presentation Follow-up Question". Each submission can have up to five unique questions so that you don't have submit form after form. It is my intention that all of these questions will be centrally compiled and tracked so we can ensure that we are getting the answers we need and in a timely fashion. It's all about accountability. So please, during presentations, have this form open and never hesitate to send something in.

Those of you in the room can see the presence of a gavel and block beside me. I hope to never need to use it, but should a speaker or the meeting get out of hand, where order and decorum needs to be restored quickly, it will be. I pray to never need it.

Lastly, later in this meeting we will hearing a motion for the members to grant permission for the Executive Board to continue meeting with the Superintendent and Board Members in furtherance of the PAC and the work we do. It's these meetings that have helped us expand the PAC, secure the new PAC email and much more. As there is still much more work to be done, I hope everyone will continue to support these efforts.

In support of students and parents,

Andrew Krowne
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LAUSD PAC '25-'26