

February 13, 2025

## **2024-2025 PAC CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

### **DIANA GUILLEN**

***"The greatest opportunities lie in ideas that go against the current"***  
***(John Templeton)***

Dear PAC Members,

The PAC Board are very grateful for the trust you have placed on our shoulders to represent you with dignity, the membership has a very big responsibility to be the voice and of all parents! We have been elected to at least give feedback on LAUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which is not an easy job, which means asking for information about numbers, expenses, efficiency, making comparisons from one school year to another, but with the information that they give us is mostly confusing! But we are working for our children, and I know that it matters to you, that is why we give our time despite all the barriers and obstacles that LAUSD puts in our way.

In most city committees and subcommittees volunteers are given a gratuity that does not correspond to a salary but rather an appreciation for their time and volunteer work, we live in a city where the standard of living is very high, but LAUSD only approves very high salaries for its officials and they are miserly with parents and LAUSD, now with empty schools, even wants to build low-cost housing for teachers and despite that, here we are working to make a difference, I want to thank you for your leadership

We are reviewing goal 1 that has 34 actions, which not a single action has been broken down! This goal has a budget of \$6,132,163,342 for this 2024-2025 school year. I am concerned that this amount will not be effective.

In order to have a good idea of what this goal means, LAUSD should, at a minimum, train us at least 3 days or more, at least 6 hours and, of course, give an incentive, bonus, reward, whatever they want to call it, to the members of the committee so that we can be trained and have a good level of knowledge (because no employee is trained for free) but since they want to continue keeping how they spend the money in schools a secret, well, the results speak for themselves, more than 50% of children graduate with a "D" which is relatively an "F" and as parents, we cannot advocate in an effective way.. I want to leave you with this as a perspective ...

Today the board brings a couple of proposals made by the Vice-Chairperson that we want to bring to a vote:

1. It is an amendment to the Bylaws regarding meeting with district employees, which ratifies the action-motion approved by the membership at the last meeting, when the board was given permission to meet with Board members.
2. It is to reach an agreement so that the PAC asks the SFACE office to establish a permanent email address for the PAC Executive Board to manage, so that the public always has consistent information and direct communication with the PAC Executive Board and can exchange information and answer questions, without needing to use personal email.

Our objective is to support parents' involvement to have an impact on their children's needs.

***"Together we are stronger and we can achieve great things"***

Thank you very much

Sincerely:

**Diana Guillen**

**2024-2025 LAUSD PAC Chairperson**