

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Thursday, May 01, 2025.

Minutes

I. Call to order:

The meeting began at 09:07am by President Diana Guillen who introduced all the members of the board of directors.

II. Flag Salute:

The flag salute was made by a member of the South region, Graciela Navarrete in Spanish and Eva Jackson in English.

III. Review of materials:

Public Relations Officer Eva Jackson reviewed the materials for the meeting.

IV. Public Comment:

Monica Arrazola, MP, addressed the public comments in the following order:

Maria Palma shared that the law does not indicate how many members must be part of PAC

Juan Jose Mangandi shared that security is a matter of interest to everyone, taking care of LCAP funds is for Education

Isabel Gonzalez asked members to ask for the return of funding for School Police within schools.

Paul Robak. He said SFACE administrators can't tell parents what to do and what to think.

Merquisedet Absalon. He urged Parents to fight for Parents and Students and doesn't have to agree with LAUSD.

V. Roll Call and Establish Quorum:

Lluvia Sainz, Secretary, passed the roll and a quorum was established with 31 members present.

VI. Report of the President.

The chair thanked members for their commitment to connect an hour early, and the board is willing to work with district officials but on equal partner terms. He shared with parents the difference of a question and a comment. He asked members that when we work on the committee's comments on LCAP we separate the questions from the official comments based on LCAP since many comments are not related to the Chart of Accounts. The Chair asked if anyone disagreed with separating questions from comments and no one disagreed. He also said that the board would be committed to advocating for his questions to be answered as they are proof that the presentations were unclear and left many doubts. There were no questions.

VII. Pending Matters.

LCAP Goal 5: Investment in People

Mr. Edward, LCAP administrator, shared that goal 5 has 6 actions with a brief explanation: 1. Recruitment, 2. Teacher Support, 3.Beginning Teacher Support, 4.Professional Learning, 5.Staff Well-Being, 6.High Performance Standard and 2022-2023 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Year Data to Compare Investments. There were many differences in investments between school cycles but no clear explanation of how students benefited from these investments. He explained that in his opinion the recruitment and retention of teachers is very important. Members had the opportunity to ask questions. There was a public comment by Mr. Paniagua.

VIII. Pending Matters

Audited Annual Financial Report, June 30, 2024.

The presenters did not arrive and the administrators of SFACE shared that they will perform on May 15. This is the second time that this presentation is pending.

A 10-minute break was taken where members were encouraged to write their ideas from comments on LCAP.

IX. Take Action.

Review and approve the proposed bylaws language

President Diana Guillen gave the floor to Mr. Krown, Vice President, and Chair of the Bylaws Subcommittee. He spoke about the context and shared the importance of honoring the work of parents who have been before and that the amendments to the bylaws were approved by the members of the subcommittee unanimously. There is a process that SFACE has designed where it amends the proposals and language of the parents, which does not honor our committee, parents should have the right to raise their voice in the way they want without changes and without filter, the district can agree or not. The SFACE office changed the original agenda without the board's consent because they didn't like that we would go beyond the process they designed for the bylaws.

Our intention is to move forward I, Andrew Krown, propose that the amendments to the statutes be approved as they were presented and make the first motion. Ivette Cardenas seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion was approved with 30 votes in favor, 0 No and 0 abstentions, the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action for an amendment to the bylaws regarding excusing absences.

Vice President Krow directed this point where there were 8 parents who were removed for having committed 4 offenses. The bylaws subcommittee wants to hear the views of the membership on the issue of absences.

Members had the opportunity to share their opinions. The vice president shared that there were very few meetings for the great work that this committee has. We will continue as before, there will be no changes in terms of the assistance policy.

Approval of the minutes of 7 June 2024, 20 February 2025 and 3 April 2025

There was no approval of the minutes were pending

X.New Cases

i-Ready Data / i-Ready Data • 2023-2024 • 2024-2025

The president shared with the membership that they requested the I-ready results data on language arts and math Mr. Elward, LCAP administrator, shared that his office uses that information to plan instruction individually in schools and that there are no metrics for the district and does not have data that is part of the metrics of the public data. Ms. Guillen, Chair, shared that Mr. Elward's statements were erroneous, as another committee was presented with the I-ready data at the District level, perhaps not as detailed as PAC requested, but they were shared and shown on screen the evidence of how SFACE in collaboration with Mr. Elward denied this student academic measurement information. For the third time, the president asks Mr. Elward in writing why he cannot share the I-ready data with PAC.

Development of LCAP Feedback and Approval

Ms. Díaz, administrator, explained how work would be done in the work rooms to develop the comments.

After 70 minutes the Padres returned from the workrooms

There was one minute public comment.

XI. Greetings from the Board Member

Ms. Karla Griego District 5 for the second time cancels the invitation to appear with the PAC committee

XII. Final Reports of the Subcommittees

A space was given for the Chairs of the Permanent Subcommittees and the Ad-Hoc Committees to share their final report

As a clarification, the PAC board of directors will work on readjusting the comments of LCAP so that for the next meeting the membership approves them

XIII. Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement Update

Mr. Plascencia welcomed the members and wants to highlight above all to the members of the public that in the chat statements have been made about the staff and parents and that this does not follow the rules of decorum that are the same as the board of education and that the members of the public are going to have their microphones turned off, because we should only talk about the topics of the agenda and not the personal ones. Mr. Plascencia on several occasions in this report threatens to investigate parents, public and PAC members and may suspend their membership of the Parent committees. He wants to highlight this point because he will change the policies for the next school year and be able to control what parents express instead of improving, listening and making changes that parents have grown tired of asking for in a cordial way. On May 30 will be the celebration of the committees and it will be a public meeting.

One member shared that no parent has to be bullied least of all by an administrator.

Another member shared that he submitted his resignation from the DELAC committee after 14 years of participation almost a month ago because the president mocks and intimidates parents and since then no one called him to follow up on his complaint and resignation. He also denounces when the elections were held as another member intimidated me and they did nothing either, because only the office only investigates who is convenient.

XIV. Announcements by SFACE and PAC members

The president announced that for the May 15 meeting the membership will vote on the official comments that will be sent to the superintendent. In the meantime, the board is working on fixing the comments and making more sense of them so that the answers they give us are clearer and that there will probably be another PAC meeting to review the superintendent's answers

PAC Meeting 15 May

PAC 30 de Mayo Member Recognitions

XIII. Adjournment.

The president thanked the parents who stayed until the end of the meeting
Closed the meeting at 2:19pm

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