

LAUSD Parent Advisory Committee

Chairperson's Report

June 17, 2021

Hello, colleagues:

This is our final meeting for the 2020-2021 school year. Looks like we made it. **WOO-HOOOOO!!!**

We sat through 11 Zoom 'virtual' meetings, plus another for officer elections. We watched presentations on all LAUSD programs made possible by the Local Control Funding Formula. We attended seminars on parliamentary procedure and how to create 'SMART' comments. Some of us also served on our seven subcommittees, even stepping up as chairpersons. We made 144 submissions using the *ThoughtExchange* and *Google Form* online platforms. These entries were combined and strengthened by officers into a final set of **67 LCAP Comments**. These Comments were submitted to Supt. Beutner for his staff to process and provide us with responses. We received those responses, and earlier in our meeting today we reviewed our feedback on these responses. After the many hours we spent on Zoom this year, our work as a PAC is now complete.

Each one of you should be proud of what you've done, and proud of what we've done together.

For those of you whose terms will be ending in October, at our next election of officers, I salute you, and I'm grateful that you not only *started* the year with us but that you *finished* with us. For those of you in the first year of a two-year term, I do hope you will continue in the new school year. Many members over the past seven years have realized that they needed a second year to truly understand what our work is all about, to feel confident in their roles, and to do their best work on the PAC. If you're ending a one-year term, please consider running for an additional year or two. If you will be moving on to other volunteer opportunities, whether at your children's schools or elsewhere in your community. Yes, we've faced challenges in collaborating with each other. The PAC is not perfect. Just keep in mind that *any time you have people, you have politics*.

No matter whether or not you will serve on the PAC next year, I would like to think that your experience overall has been productive. Use what you've learned here about public education to inform your efforts in support of students and parents. Keep asking, "**Why?**" and "**Why not?**" Keep asking, "**How?**" and "**When?**" Continue to advocate for your children, for all students, and for their families. Insist that your principal, SSC, and ELAC do better. Keep doing the powerful, important work which *must* be done for LAUSD students to succeed. ***The kids need your voice.***

Thanks so much for all you've done. Stay in touch with each other and with PCS. God bless you.

At your service,

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