

# **PAC Two Way Communication Subcommittee**

## **Chairperson's Report**

*March 11, 2021*

The first meeting of this newly created standing subcommittee was intended to get a sense of what members feel is important to focus on in our work this year. For that reason, an agenda intentionally was not used for our initial session. The next meeting will be more structured.

The following PAC members were present on Zoom for this meeting:

Maria Barboza  
Laura Baz  
Marta Lopez  
Daisy Ortiz  
Paul Robak  
Ana Rodriguez  
Claire Lubrin (PCS Staff)

After introductions, I explained the primary goal of this subcommittee, namely, to advocate for strong, ongoing, two-way communication between the Parent Advisory Committee and parents at all LAUSD school sites, through the six Local District LCAP Study Groups. I also asked members' indulgence to allow me to serve as interim chairperson, until such time as one of them who has a solid understanding of the work at hand, and agrees to run our meetings, takes on this position.

I then asked Daisy Ortiz, PAC Secretary, to provide a history of the advocacy which she and Roberto Fonseca, immediate past PAC Chairperson, performed last year on this topic. Ms. Ortiz went into great detail on why they decided to make this initiative a focus of Mr. Fonseca's chairperson efforts, including their presentation last year to the LAUSD Board of Education.

Following this introduction to get everyone up to speed, we then had an open discussion. Member comments centered on concerns about issues at their school sites, including problems with School Site Council operations, the lack of parent training on SSC and ELAC, administrator hostility to strong parents, and related topics. We agreed that parents at school sites have far too little support, receive far too little information to understand their rights, and presume, rightly or wrongly, that all teachers and administrators have the best interest of students at heart.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th, at 12:00. PAC colleagues are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Robak

*Interim Chairperson, 2020-2021*  
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