

LAUSD Parent Advisory Committee

Chairperson's Report

April 4, 2019

To my esteemed PAC colleagues:

I hope your school's ELAC and SSC completed the budget-development process without any problems. Yes?

All of you who were here at our last meeting learned a lot from Dr. Derrick Chau's presentation on the *Proficiency for All* LCAP Goal. Unfortunately we were not able to establish a quorum, with only 26 members or less present. (We need 28.) This is a concern because without a quorum, we're unable to conduct business, or even approve meeting minutes. I hope quorum won't be an issue going forward. What we do here matters.

Speaking of quorum, Dr. Lugo announced a new definition for the 'Foster Youth' membership category. Anyone who has served as a foster parent in the past ten years is now eligible to fill one of these positions. I will be monitoring this situation closely to make sure the new definition allows us to fill all open Foster Youth spots very soon. We must also see to it that any other vacant positions, including alternates and Board-appointed spots, are filled. If you know any parents who might be interested, please inform Leah Brackins.

It came to my attention recently that our Committee has never been given data on how LCAP funding for targeted student populations or *TSPs* is affected by the *Student Equity Needs Index*. In a very unusual move, the *Equity is Justice* Board Resolution was rushed through to approval late last year after the Board voted to suspend one of its own rules and allow this resolution to be brought up for a vote on the very same day it was first presented. **The PAC was never consulted during this process**, nor even invited to the working group which held several sessions to finalize what is now known as *SENI 2.0*. This is a serious oversight, one which I am pushing hard to be corrected. It might mean an extra meeting for us, but we do need to see that data.

The same goes for money that's intended to be used at school sites for parent engagement. Those of you with an SSC background will recognize budget line 7E046 as the *Title I parent involvement set-aside*. You might be surprised to know that **each year, schools return excessive sums of unspent 7E046 funds to the District**. Since one of the six LCAP Goals is *Parent, Community and Student Engagement*, we must find out why so much money is not being used for its intended purpose: To engage parents at their children's schools.

Last Tuesday the chairpersons of all three District-level committees, the CAC, the DELAC, and the PAC, presented to our Board of Education. If you've never stood at that lectern, let me tell you, it's a humbling experience! I told Board Members that we need to know about SENI 2.0 and unspent 7E046 funds. I will make sure these elected officials stay updated on the important work we do here. The chairs will be speaking again at another Committee of the Whole meeting coming up next Tuesday the 9th at 1:00. We are first on the agenda, so if you would like to see how powerful parent advocacy can be, I invite you to join me there.

Here again is my e-mail address: **PaulPACRobak@gmail.com**. If you're not as tech-savvy as some of us, my cell number is **310-997-5588**. Call or text any time between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. I'm here to serve you.

We are better together.

Respectfully submitted,

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