

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Office of Parent and Community Services Auditorium

Welcome/Call to Order: Mr. Cornejo, PAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03am and welcomed those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: PAC member Mario Castillo led the pledge

Office of Parent and community Services Update: With Dr. Lugo absent, Diane Panossian, Director at PCS made the announcements. The third meeting with Vivian Ekchian, Interim Superintendent, will be on April 26, 2018 at 9:30am at Roybal Learning Center. Ms. Ryback is coming back to talk about LCAP Federal Addendum. Look at the calendar in your packets. Paul Robak asked why the PAC has no leadership academy like DELAC (which will be on April 17). Ms. Panossian said that it was started last year at the request of Superintendent King.

We had a Data chat and Budget meeting with the PAC and CAC. A member commented that there is a need for leadership training with PAC. Mr. Alvarenga said that all were welcome to attend the DELAC Leadership Academy on April 17, 2018.

Pedro Salcido will talk about what happened at the Board Meeting the day prior.

Announcement from Members/Alternates and PCS Staff

Christine Mills, Vice Chair, said that East Area Progressive Democrats and District 5 have requested that Ref Rodriguez step down after the recent incident of public drunkenness.

Member Daniel Estrada mentioned the Parent College Graduation in Watts at Jordan HS, on April 14, 2018 at 8:30am.

Member Daisy Ortiz referring to the Board resolution said that the best way to make one's voice heard was to contact the Title I Policy and Program Guidance Office at 916 319 0917 in Sacramento.

Member Lilian Ramos said that parents were being ignored, we saw it yesterday at the Board.

Member Paul Robak said we need to hear about Parent Leadership. We need to return Title 1 Committees to schools and PCS. Top leadership seems dead set against giving Local Districts and PCS oversight of Title 1. Study Committees are the same.

Member Evelyn Aleman Macias, PR Officer, said that City Attorney Mike Feuer is hosting a blue ribbon meeting regarding school safety.

Member Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton said that she noticed that charters have smaller classes. If we reduce class size, we'd better be able to help kids with emotional problems. Go to your

SSC's and ask for smaller classes. Member Macias talked about Parent Ambassadors: 1. Take back work of PAC to schools, 2. Get more parents involved. Need more support from PCS, if not, I'm closing Parents Ambassadors. She was asked, how many Local District Superintendents have responded to you? She responded only 1. Superintendent Ekchian should tell the LD's and PCS. We have parent ambassadors in the audience.

Establish Quorum: Members were seated by local district and roll call was conducted by the Secretary and Vice Chair at 10:36am. Quorum was established with 29 members as the alternates were seated.

Public Comment: (10:57am) Cynthia Pace, Research Study Recruiter from of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA), mentioned an important study on the brain development of children; funds have been provided for a long-term study of the brain development of 10,000 students. Alma Zuniga talked about the issues she has had with her child at her school.

At 11am Member Christine Louise Mills, Vice Chair, made a motion: "That last night's LAUSD Board decision regarding LCFF funds/ 'Equity in Justice Resolution', be added as an item to today's meeting agenda". It was seconded by Marilyn Morales. 30 were in favor, no one voted against the motion nor abstained.

Minutes:

At 11:02, Jose Cornejo asked someone to move to approve the minutes from February 15 and March 7, 2018. Member Paul Robak made the motion and member Yolande Beckles seconded the motion to approve the minutes of both meetings with all needed additions, deletions and corrections. The motion passed with 30 in favor, no one voted against the motion nor abstained.

Equity is Justice 2.0: Moving toward a New Direction (Res-037-17/18)

A discussion ensued regarding the motion advanced by Christine Mills. Pedro Salcido, Director of Finance Policy at LAUSD stated that the district ranks schools from highest need to lowest need. The district allocates resources under LCFF to rectify the imbalance. Certain schools have a greater number of students with disabilities. Some have more plumbing issues, drug incidences, asthma rates which affect student attendance at such facilities. Yesterday's resolution has to center conversation around the index. Academic status: look at students coming in and what schools have to deal with i.e. Garfield HS has to deal with 9th graders coming in reading at the 20-30th percentile. Also we have to see the number of EL/s as part of the index.

Chair Cornejo said that the LAUSD Board acted before a discussion with the PAC, and that's not okay. Member Beckles said that Rachel Green, former PAC Chair, was at the Board and expressed her feelings about PAC being ignored. Members Fonseca and Ortiz also expressed their frustration of not being allowed to speak at the Board meeting while special interests were given time. Member Fonseca recommended we stop all actions until the LAUSD Board responds and a letter to the state be addressed. "I have no issue on the distribution of funding,

but the process was wrong”. Members Kahlid Al Alim and Paul Robak also spoke saying there was no time for a subcommittee, but they suggested a small group draft a letter as soon as possible to complain about the complete disregard of the PAC and other committees to LAUSD Board President Monica Garcia. . The PAC members suggested that the Chairperson write the letter due to time constraints. Member McIntyre said that LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson always listens and she will be reporting back to him regarding today’s meeting.

The PAC members requested that the LAUSD Board Members attend future PAC meetings.

Juan Godinez a member of the public said that the PAC should have more connections with Sacramento and be more proactive.

At 11:57am, member Beckles made a motion for the Chair of the PAC to send a letter to all LAUSD Board members and cc. state members of the Board expressing our disappointment and feelings of disrespect regarding the passing of resolution 037-17/18 without meaningful consultation. It was seconded by member Paul Robak. Mr. Fonseca made an amendment to the previous motion to cc’ all members of the State Board and it was seconded by Mary Lee. Member Beckles accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously with 30 in favor and no one voted against the motion nor abstained at 12:04pm.

Unfinished Business: (12:06pm) LCAP Comment Development Process, member Yolande Beckles, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

She referred to a handout in the members’ packages from a meeting on March 15, 2018.

Member Fonseca, said that we should separate the personal with the issue. Member. Macias said that we need to hear more from newest members. Mr. Cornejo said that only 16 parents have attended every single meeting. Member Ana Acevedo said, “we all do our best” and many applauded.

At this point Evelyn Macias, Public Relations Officer was about to speak (12:50pm), member Fonseca said point of order. Member Macias also stated that she should be allowed to finish her thought since she had listened to members talking all year outside their turn. Bryan Davis the Parliamentarian interrupted her saying there had been a point of order. Chair Jose Cornejo asked to let her speak, and then asked how many wanted Member Evelyn to continue... At 12:56pm member. Member Macias said she was resigning.

At 12:59 Diane Panossian, Director at PCS, asked to speak. She said, we are all here for our kids. Our kids look at us for modeling when we agree or disagree to control our energies, therefore for the sake of the children pictured on the walls here, please when you feel you cannot control your emotions, step out of the room, take a breather in the relaxing parent center and then take into account everyone’s wellbeing.

At 1:03 pm Mr. Cornejo adjourned the meeting.

