



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council (DAC)
Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen welcomed the District Advisory Council to the second meeting of the 2021-2022 school year, held via Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines. Dr. Hansen thanked the 29 participants for attending the virtual meeting and stated that DAC discusses important developments throughout OUSD with the focus of supporting our students.

Executive Cabinet reminded participants that agenda, minutes, and any other documents shared in the meeting would be posted on the DAC website. Parents can refer to the website and share information with their parent groups.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **Expanded Learning Opportunities – Cathleen Corella, Asst. Supt. Ed Services**
 - Cathleen Corella explained that updates would be provided on two initiatives that are being funded from the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) funds. She reminded the council that this plan was adopted by the Board of Education in May. She stressed the importance of transparency and ongoing input by all stakeholders on these initiatives thus, a review of the Sports for Learning Program and work with Orenda Learning would occur.
- **Sports for Learning- Joe Erven, Executive Director Innovation & Excellence**
 - Mr. Erven shared a presentation titled *Sports for Learning within the Orange Unified School District*.
 - Joe Erven explained that the program focused on a robust physical education program for all TK through 6th grade students that was integrated with social and emotional learning skills such as self-awareness, setting goals, and empathy.
 - He emphasized that the program was founded in the CASEL Framework and how it aligns with our CA Physical Education and Health Standards.
 - Sessions are 50 minutes per week for each grade level and are taught by certificated coaches.
 - He demonstrated a few examples of lessons and showed a video of students engaged in a physical activity; the example lesson provided was titled Empathy Tag.
 - Joe shared that Educational Services will be collecting input on program satisfaction from students, parents, and teachers on Sports for Learning. These results will be shared back with all stakeholder groups in order to determine continuation of the program.

- **Orenda Learning - Lisa Green, Executive Director, K-12 Curriculum, Instruction, & School Support**
 - Lisa Green shared a presentation titled *Accelerating Achievement and Planning for Equity in 2021-2022*.
 - She provided background concerning equity studies conducted about our schools which included 10 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and 3 high schools.
 - The framework for the studies consisted of responses from surveys from teachers, counselors, support staff, and administrators.
 - Focus groups were also facilitated in order to capture and analyze student assessment data, school documents, interviews with administrators and district office administration.
 - Based on the surveys, focus groups, and data extracted from various documents, focus areas were determined that would provide a stronger, cohesive systems alignment for the work on our school campuses. Two of these areas are strengthening our curriculum and guidance alignment.
 - All teachers and counselors are working in cohorts in establishing these alignment guides and protocols.
- **Volunteer Protocol- Ernie Gonzalez, Asst. Supt. Human Resources and Susanna Solis, Director, Human Resources**
 - Educational Services and Human Resources have been working in collaboration with guidance from the California Department of Public Health regarding essential volunteers on our campuses.
 - The schools have been limiting non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities. OUSD is working on expanding the list of essential volunteers. Schools will be able to operate with 5 essential volunteers per day. Site administrators will be responsible for facilitating a rotation schedule of approved volunteers. The increase of the number of volunteers on campus will be considered for Trimester 2.
 - The essential volunteer at this time must provide proof of vaccination status.
- **Attendance- Dave Rivera, Asst. Supt. Business Services**
 - Dave Rivera shared a power point presentation titled *21-10-20 Enrollment and Attendance for DAC*.
 - Mr. Rivera explained the decline of enrollment trends across the district. He further explained that less students equates to less money for the district. He stressed the importance of students being in school daily in order to capture these funds.
 - DAC members had an engaging conversation on strategies to improve attendance such as moving doctor appointments to after school or early release days.
 - Members expressed an interest in sending letters to Orange County Legislators requesting assistance with the funding issue. Mr. Rivera will provide a sample template that parents can send to local representatives.

Attachments/Handouts

DAC Agenda, DAC Minute Notes, Accelerating Achievement and Planning for Equity in 2021-2022 Presentation, Sports for Learning within Orange Unified Schools and the 21-10-20 Enrollment and Attendance for DAC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am.

Next meeting will take place, Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:30 am