



Orange Unified School District



District Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Office Board Rooms 1-3

Craig Abercrombie, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services welcomed everyone to the District Advisory Council meeting. In addition, Mr. Edward Velasquez, Interim Superintendent of Schools stopped by to say hello and introduce himself to our DAC representatives.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **LCAP Survey Participation Results- Sandy Schaffer, Ed.Ph./Administrator, Accountability, Equity and School Support**
 - Lisa Green, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction introduced Sandy Schaffer, Administrator of the offices of Accountability, Equity & School Support. Sandy stated that the development of the LCAP plan began last October.
 - She further discussed that the LCAP is intended to receive district wide input from elementary students, secondary students, teachers, staff, and parents. Once this information is received, the OCDE analyzes all the surveys and creates a report for each site and district. Sandy Schaffer explained that all the results should be presented to the Board in the upcoming months.
- **Transportation Grant & Community Input- David Rivera/ Deputy Superintendent/CBO & Christina Celeste- Russo/Director of Transportation Services**
 - David Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO explained that for more than a decade the state has granted fixed funds. However, this time there has been an increase in the funds and districts are required to create a plan for how funds will be spent.
 - Christina Celeste-Russo, Director of the Transportation Department discussed the ins and outs of her department including the running of 119 buses, 150 employees with 30 vacancies and the rigorous background for those interested in bus driving.
 - She further explained the national shortages on bus drivers, repairs to old buses, free cost training to those interested in working as bus drivers, how busing affected high school athletics and how COVID-19 impacted families, bell schedule mandates and in house coverage versus outside charter transportation companies charging fees.
- **Updating Graduation Requirements/Lisa Green, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction**
 - Lisa Green, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction explained that graduation recommendations made do not affect those current students, but the changes made the current year would impact the incoming freshmen the following year.
 - She further explained in detail the four recommendations that the committee is considering, including Middle School Math and World Language Courses, Math requirements, English requirements, and College & Career Readiness requirements. Lisa explained that they will continue to gather input from stakeholder groups, continue to survey families and make recommendations to the Board.
- **Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant/Nicole Van Wilgen Moore, Administrator, K-12 Academic Content Design**
 - Nicole Van Wilgen Moore, Administrator of K-12 Academic Content Design, reviewed the AMIM grant. In addition, explained input made from staff, parents and students.
 - She further explained the suggested priorities made by Certificated staff, including the expansion of VAPA to grades TK-4th, professional development for teachers and maintaining school counselors. Parent surveys were sent by email to OUSD parents inviting them to participate.
 - Students were provided with the opportunity to provide feedback regarding how they would like to see the funds allocated.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023