



Orange Unified School District

District Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Office Board Rooms 1-3



Ernest Gonzalez, Acting Superintendent of OUSD welcomed everyone to the District Advisory Council meeting. In addition, he said he was honored to work in the capacity of Acting Superintendent and explained that the Board has started a search for the firm that will assist in the hiring of a permanent Superintendent.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Home to School Transportation Plan- David Rivera & Christina Celeste-Russo, Deputy Superintendent/CBO & Director of Transportation

- David Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO, introduced Christina Celeste-Russo, Director of Transportation. She discussed how the creation of the Home to School Transportation Plan focuses on Low-income students in grades TK-6 and are English Learners, McKinney Vento students, and Foster Youth students.
- The plan describes how students can access free transportation and the next steps, include updating Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. In addition, there are plans to reorganize her department and replace buses and equipment.

Charter Bus Presentation- Christina Celeste- Russo/Director of Transportation

- Christina Celeste-Russo explained how OUSD has obtained over \$9.68M in grant funds. She further explained that OUSD began retiring buses in 2020 as the average mile driven was over 310,000.
- Christina discussed the benefits of CNG charter style buses as sites have addressed their needs, including athletic competitions, band competitions, field trips and outdoor science camps. She also discussed cost benefit and the recommendation made to the board to purchase 8 buses, costing approximately \$2,399,297.20.

Summer School/Educational Services Team

- Andrew Granite, Special Ed. Coordinator discussed ESY, Special Education Summer School Program being offered at Linda Vista, Villa Park, Villa Park HS, and Canyon Hills School, program will run from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.
- Sandy Schaffer, Administrator, After School Education and Safety discussed in detail information about After School Education and Safety (ASES) Summer Program, it will be offered at California, Cambridge, Esplanade, Handy, Jordan, Lampson, Prospect, Sycamore, Taft, and West Orange, program will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Adolfo Herrera, Administrator, Expanded Learning Opportunities discussed the Expanded Learning Opportunities Summer Program (ELOP) which will be offered at many sites but not Canyon Rim, Olive, and Fairhaven due to construction during the summer, program will run from 7:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Jaime Beidler, Child Development Service/CARES Expanded Learning Supervisor discussed the CARES Summer Camp registration will open April 17th for current enrolled families and new families can register after April 24th. The camp will offer services from 7 to 6 p.m. as well as on and off campus extracurricular activities.
- Lisa Green, Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction spoke about Middle and High School summer school programs. She went into detail about the need for core classes, elective classes and credit recovery summer programs that will be offered to meet student's needs, program will run from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Technology Updates- Tam Nguyen/David Lane, Chief Technology Officer & Client Services Assistant Director

- Tam Nguyen, Chief Technology Officer discussed the ongoing project of installing Cameras at all elementary sites. How cybersecurity training with OUSD staff has decreased the number of attacks.
- David Lane, Assistant Director spoke about the plans for refreshing devices for staff and students. Discussed the partnership between Dynabook, as well as IP speaker project for all schools, and the department's reorganization plan.

Learning with Technology- Randy Kolset, Educational Technology Coordinator

- Randy Kolset, Educational Technology Coordinator explained how technology is integrated in classrooms daily. He further discussed how it saves teacher time, provides timely feedback as teachers respond to students' inquiries.
- He shared that teachers are getting further support with professional development. In addition, teachers are joining A+ Teacher, Get IT! and Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA) provided by district and incorporating technology.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2023