

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
October 25, 2022
5:50 – 7:00 pm
Willow Creek Center

MDUSD Representatives: Jennifer Sachs, Marji Calbeck, Carmen Garces, Melanie Koslow

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Sachs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves and in honor of Halloween, asked them to name their favorite candy. She also reviewed the role of the PAC. As a member, you have a role to provide input during the meetings. The Parent Advisory Committee supports the district in implementing and monitoring programs and activities for all schools in the district. PAC meetings include the opportunity to connect with District departments, include updates from Dr. Clark and presentations on relevant topics affecting MDUSD students.

II. Jennifer Sachs – District Updates:

Dr. Adam Clark was presenting at an Equity conference on the east coast and could not attend.

This week is Red Ribbon week and many school sites are having different activities at their sites. Recently, we had a Career Education Fair at Concord High School. Over 1200 students came and they were involved with anything that had to do with careers either after high school or after college. Mt. Diablo Adult Education program were represented.

The district held a Special Olympics event at Robert Shearer and the 5th grade students at Gregory Gardens Elementary supported the event by being volunteers.

The Great Shake-Out of California was practiced at the school sites recently. Each year in October, students practice what to do in the event of an earthquake.

The District online CAASPE assessments are taken in the spring and the scores came out recently. Compared to the last time students took these assessments in 2019, there was a 4% decrease in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The district expanded the after school programs for academic support. The teachers have been having learning acceleration training every month. To address learning gaps, the Board has approved additional support for science in grades TK through 12th grade with materials in English and Spanish. This year, history/social studies materials will be piloted and will be on display at Willow Creek in mid-November.

White fleet vehicles were recently purchased by the district for operational staff going site to site. The majority of these vehicles are used by Maintenance and Operations.

III. Table Talk

PAC representatives were asked to talk in small groups to share questions specific to maintenance and facilities.

Topics included:

- ❖ Safety at open campuses
- ❖ Cleanliness
- ❖ Safety issues with school fields, i.e. holes

IV. Updates on Maintenance Facilities & Grounds – Melanie Koslow

The primary mission of the Maintenance & Operations department is to maintain every site including its equipment and grounds at the highest standards of safety, cleanliness and functionality.

The facilities department handles new construction and modernization to the District's existing facilities, making sure that our students have spaces where they can thrive and succeed in their education every day.

The maintenance department is working on a new culture shift where there are four teams and schedules so they will respond to every campus and one team is for emergency calls. The teams are grouped by area. The District is increasing the custodial staff and anticipate hiring an additional 18 custodians across the district. The District also anticipates hiring an additional 18 roving custodians to support each school site. Custodial responsibilities will be updated.

In addition, safety assessments of site facilities will be completed by an outside contractor. The work will include:

- Review and update comprehensive school safety plans
- Meet with each sites safety team to review their emergency operation plan
- Develop an emergency operation center and training for senior leadership
- Reconstruct current building/property emergency maps
- Provide active shooter training
- Video Surveillance Assessment (VSA)
- Provide Incident Command System for district staff
- Site drills

V. Future PAC Dates:

- November 29, 2022
- January 21, 2023
- February 21, 2023
- March 21, 2023
- April 18, 2023
- May 16, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm