

**Mt. Diablo Unified School District
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
September 28, 2023
5:30 - 7pm
Willow Creek Center**

MDUSD Representatives: Jennifer Sachs, Dr. Adam Clark, Samantha Allen, Marji Calbeck

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Sachs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves and reviewed the role of the Parent Advisory Committee.

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, including updates from Dr. Clark and presentations on relevant topics affecting MDUSD.

II. Dr. Adam Clark - District Updates

Dr. Clark shared the LCAP goals:

- Goal 1 - All students will receive a high quality education in a safe and welcoming environment with equitable high expectations, access to technology, and instruction in the California State Standards that prepare them for college and career.
- Goal 2 - High quality, culturally proficient, and responsive staff will create a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment respectful of all students' backgrounds to ensure they are college and career ready.
- Goal 3 - Parents, family and community members will be informed, engaged and empowered as partners with Mt. Diablo Unified to support student learning and improve student outcomes.
- Goal 4 - Focal scholars, specifically Black/African American students, Foster Youth, students experiencing homelessness, students with disabilities and emerging bilingual students, will experience culturally responsive practices and instruction, high expectations, equal access to educational opportunities, within an educational environment that builds trust and inclusive partnerships between the students, parents/guardians, and staff.

The first day of school was August 10th and since then it has been an extremely smooth opening. One of our athletes, Herschel Turner Jr. continues to rewrite the Mt. Diablo High School football record, with 7 touchdowns.

The district's Teacher of the Year awards went to Joseph Alvarico and Danya Townsend for the 2023-2024 school year. They then were nominated and became finalists for the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Award. Joseph Alvarico from Ygnacio Valley High School received the award for Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year. The district is extremely proud of their accomplishments and recognition throughout the County.

Mt. Diablo Unified celebrated the district's You Make a Difference Award where dedicated and talented staff were recognised for their work with students with IEP's.

Dr Clark spoke briefly about himself and how he started working in school districts. He has had the opportunity to be a 2nd grade teacher, a 5th grade teacher, an elementary vice principal and a middle school vice principal, an elementary, middle and high school principal, and an Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. Dr Clark was then Superintendent of the Vallejo School District before coming to MDUSD where he has been Superintendent for the last four years.

The District has been working on updating the classroom curriculum. New World Language, Science and Social Studies textbooks have been Board approved purchased for students. Currently we are piloting English Language arts and English Language Development for secondary grades. The district also just recently updated all of its Board policies.

Chromebooks are now a 1:1 for each student. In the past, this decision was left up to each site to fundraise or purchase. The district has now made them available to the entire district. New Promethean boards were also purchased for the district and are currently being delivered to all classrooms..

There is a national teacher shortage, administrative shortage and classified shortage that all districts are struggling with. The District is still looking to fill all different types of positions. Information is available on the Human Resource webpage at www.mdusd.org.

III. Table Talk

Jennifer Sachs asked everyone to get into small groups and discuss 3 things that are going well this year at the school site and brainstorm future agenda topics.

IV. Future Topics for Future PAC Meetings

- Food Services - Healthy, more variety?
- Supports for college readiness
- Extended Learning Programs
- Class Size, Enrollment, Projections
- Safety, Security, Supervision
- SEL, Equity, PBIS
- Arts/Music Programs

The week before each PAC meeting, the presentation topic is shared so PAC members can collect questions and feedback on the topic.

V. Future PAC Meetings

- October 17, 2023
- November 14, 2023
- December 19, 2023
- January 16, 2024
- February 20, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 21, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm