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DAC MINUTES

Date: October 23rd, 2023

Location: Educational Support Center, Board Room

Time: 1:45 P.M.

Meeting Facilitator: Ronnie Pack - Educational Programs Administrator

Chairperson: Tim Heinrichs

Vice Chairperson - Josh Darnell

Secretary - Open

I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 P.M. by Mr. Heinrichs.

II. Introductions

DAC Attendees:

Jodee Pinheiro-Smith (Principal, Riverview) Stacy Atria (LD, TL Reed) Kristin Ledington (LD, RHS) Stephanie Rodriguez (Parent, Guidance/Learning Center) Christina Peña (Silas Bartsch) André Gervais (Parent, Grant) Polly Rosalez (LD, Jefferson) Adelina Gonzalez (Parent, Navelencia) Gloria Lopez (Parent, Citrus) Reginald Wagner (Principal, Silas Bartsch) Gina Estrada (Parent, RMCHS) Leonor Cruz-Dixon (Coordinator, Migrant Education) Crystal Acosta (Parent, TL Reed) Sandy Cintora (Principal, Sheridan) Cecilia Garcia (Parent, Jefferson) Heather Chiamori (Parent, KCO) Cristal Angulo (Guardian, AL Conner) Claudia Angulo (Parent, Citrus) Brittany Gummo (Parent, Great Western) Kristen Welton (LD, Dunlap) Brenda Abarca (Parent, Alta) Timothy K. Heinrichs (Parent, MVS) Rosemary Ruvalvaba (Principal, Alta) Lee Martinez (Principal, AL Conner) Velda Oltjenbruns (Coordinator, Parent Education & Engagement) Jorge Ruiz (LD, RMCHS) Laura Vasquez (LD, KCO) Antonio Rivera (LD, Navelencia) Noe Mendoza (LD, MVS) Gloria Valencia (LD, Citrus) Andy Gonzalez (LD, Grant) Chris Boswell (LD, KCHS) Susan Holman (LD, Washington) Alejandra Galban (Parent, AL Conner) Simone Weber (Parent, Lincoln) Berit Rhodes (Parent, Riverview) Alberto Herrera (LD, OCHS) Barbara Jimenez (Principal, Great Western) Anita Elizondo (Principal, Lincoln) Mariah Betancourt (Parent, RHS)

Mayra Silkeutsabay (Parent McCord) Mayra Jimenez (Certified Interpreter/Translator, GLC) Brianna Lizarraga (Parent, Sheridan) Maira Delgado (Parent, Washington) Branda Mojica (Parent, KCHS) Jennifer Collins (Parent, Dunlap) Daisy Rebolledo (Principal, McCord) Angel Durazo (Coordinator, District Parent Engagement & Education) Ronnie Pack (Educational Programs Administrator, ESC) Maria Elena Velasco (Administrator Assistant, Educational Programs) Jose Guzman (Assistant Superintendent, Business & Educational Operations, ESC)

III. Purpose of DAC

Mr. Pack followed by introducing himself and reviewed the District Mission. He gave an overview of his role as the Educational Programs Administrator and shared similar perspectives as a parent. He framed the purpose of the committee is to improve to better serve KCUSD parents and students based on their input. He claimed it is a powerful opportunity to be part of the DAC community and thanked everyone for taking the time to be at this meeting.

Mr. Pack reviewed Robert's Rules of Order and he encouraged attendees to nominate someone from their site. Cynthia Van Doren from the Learning Center nominated Stephanie Rodriguez to be secretary.

Motion to approve nomination for Secretary - Gloria Valencia, LD Citrus

Seconded by - Timothy K. Heinrichs, Parent

All in favor - Yes

Opposed - None

IV. Approval of Minutes from May 8th, 2023

Motion to approve minutes - Claudia Angulo, Parent

Seconded by - Maira Delgado, Parent

All in favor - Yes

Opposed - None

V. Schedule of Meetings 2023-24

Mr. Pack presented and reviewed the scheduled DELAC and DAC meetings.

Mr. Heinrichs asked for questions or discussions regarding the dates.

No questions or comments.

VI. Parent Involvement Policy

The Parent Involvement Policy was reviewed by participants independently. Mr. Pack outlined the key points of the Involvement Policy, emphasizing that parent

engagement is valued by KCUSD. Mr. Pack indicated that KCUSD is committed to supporting schools, parents and students, and we are seeking their involvement and input to better serve and involve parents in their kids' education. The following feedback was received in response to the question, "What is going well on parent engagement activities?"

- Videos through ParentSquare are helpful
- Students' tutorials
- Parent engagement activities such as Soup Nights
- Meet and Greet to connect more with parents and teachers
- KCO Social Emotion Program is a great way to learn skills that will help students
- ParentSquare is amazing

and the following feedback was received in response to the question, "What can we do better?"

- Activities that could support families and parents.
- Build connections between teachers and parents prior to a student getting in trouble.
- Encourage teachers to communicate more often with parents.
- Technology workshops to educate parents on how to use District applications. Getting help with PowerSchool, Google Classroom, and feeling more connected with what students are learning or doing.
- Some parents don't know how to use ParentSquare. Need to be more intentional about how we engage parents.

VII. Parent University Classes

Mr. Heinrichs invited Angel Durazo, District Parent Engagement & Education Coordinator, to present Parent University. Mr. Durazo shared a list of available online courses for parents through Parent University in partnership with Fresno State. Mr. Durazo emphasized that it is an opportunity for parents to educate themselves. Mr. Durazo shared that out of the 500 KCUSD parents enrolled in classes 300 completed the courses.

VIII. Staff Professional Development - Parent Communication

Mr. Durazo announced that Bilingual Community Aides and Head Secretary professional development is taking place to improve communication between parents and the District.

IX. School Calendar Proposal 2024-25 & 2025-26

Mr. Pack presented the proposed calendar for the next two school years and requested parents' input. The following feedback was received in response to Mr. Pack's parent input:

- Parents expressed a later start date to allow students to participate in summer sports.
- Parents expressed that a late school year start date due to Harvest would be reasonable.
- Another parent expressed that an early start to the school years is a viable option in order to end the school year early.
- An earlier start to the School Year is a better option because of testing.

X. Topics for 2023-24 & Proposed Agenda Items

Mr. Pack reviewed topics that will be presented in the school year and asked attendees to propose topics they would like to be part of.

- Dual Immersion
- Participation in other activities
- After School Program
- Bringing in CYM and the City of Reedley to discuss options and communication.

Parents suggested expanding the Dual Immersion program at other school sites and to open it to other students in the District. Parents would like having other activities to learn Spanish outside Dual Immersion. Parents opened the idea of having more Extended Learning Programs and communicating of the activities with parents. Give ELP access to ParentSquare.

XI. Open Agenda

None received.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Chris Boswell, LD KCHS

Seconded by - Mariah Betancourt, Parent

All in favor- Yes

Oppose - None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 P.M.