

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
December 19, 2023
5:30 – 7pm
Willow Creek Center

MDUSD Representatives: Jennifer Sachs, Dr. Adam Clark, Melanie Koslow

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Sachs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves and reviewed the LCAP Goals and 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. City of Concord Summer Youth Scholarship Program

The Youth Scholarship Program is open to all Concord residents under the age of 18 who meet financial qualifications. Eligible programs include:

- Group Swim Classes (10 mos. – 14 yrs.)
- Splash Camp (ages 8-14)
- Lil Explorers (ages 2-5)
- Backyard Explorers (grades K-5th)
- East Bay Explorers (grades 5th – 8th)
- Counselor in Training (ages 12-15)

Application Info – www.cityofconcord.org/youthscholarship

Applications open Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and will be accepted until program spaces or funding are exhausted.

III. Dr. Adam Clark – District Updates

The HOPE program for our homeless/foster youth students has been collecting donations the last couple of months. Today they are here at Willow Creek giving out food, clothing and gifts. As you can see, the need is great for these students and district staff have been very busy all day long. If students' basic needs aren't met, it is very difficult for them to focus on the day to day learning.

Finals are happening at our high schools now and students are busy studying.

The state released the California Dashboard that gives a snapshot of how the district is doing in certain areas:

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Graduation Rates
- College and Career Readiness
- English Language Learner Progress
- Suspensions
- Chronic Absenteeism

The district is mandated to develop programs to support the students that aren't performing well in these areas.

Last Wednesday, the district had its annual Board reorganization meeting. The Board President is Erin McFerrin and Vice President is Linda Mayo. The Board positions are rotated every year. The Board also approved a 9% raise for all of our teachers as well as for the districts' other bargaining units with the "MeToo" clause.

IV. Maintenance, Operations, & Safety Update – Melanie Koslow, Director

The primary mission of the maintenance & operations department is to maintain every site, its equipment and grounds at the highest possible standards of safety, cleanliness, and functionality making sure that the best possible learning environment is provided for each and every student and staff member.

The maintenance department is responsible for different divisions.

- The maintenance division handles emergency and routine work orders, preventative maintenance and deferred maintenance and prioritizes each work order.
- The operations side of the house is custodial, security and compliance. The work that needs to get done in order to keep our doors open.
- Landscape division is responsible for ground maintenance, turf mowing, tree maintenance, athletics support, flood prevention and critter control.
- The facilities division takes care of major construction, bonds and facility planning for future needs.

The Maintenance Department also supports safety initiatives across the District. Our school safety plans are updated each year. The district has developed an emergency operation center and training for leadership and has provided active shooter and incident command system training. The district has worked with an outside consultant for the last two years and they have done intruder drills across the district and will go to every school site working with their incident command center group in order to discuss different scenarios in early 2024.

V. Public Service Announcements

- December 20, 2023 – End of second quarter, end of first trimester and last day of school in 2023
- December 21 – January 8 – Winter School Recess
All schools closed
District offices closed December 25th and January 1st

- January 9, 2024 – School resumes

VI. Future PAC Meetings and Topics

- January 16, 2024 – Extended Learning Programs
- February 20, 2024 – Creating Positive School Climates
- March 19, 2024 – TBD
- April 16, 2024 – LCAP
- May 21, 2024 – TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7pm