



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council (D.A.C.)
Meeting Notes



Wednesday, October 25, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
District Office Board Rooms 1-3

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Craig Abercrombie welcomed everyone to the first District Advisory Council meeting of the 2023-2024 school year. He thanked everyone for their attendance and for partaking in such an important council.

Topics Discussed:

**L.C.A.P. Update- Elena Rodriguez/Executive Director, Accountability, Equity & School Support
Dr. Sandy Schaffer/Administrator, Accountability, Equity & School Support**

- Dr. Schaffer, Administrator in Accountability, Equity & School Support office presented information about the L.C.A.P. and reminded everyone that the district receives input from students, O.U.S.D. staff, and parents. The district uses the L.C.A.P. as a tool to measure students' needs and considers community input.
- Dr. Schaffer also shared that the L.C.A.P. is a tool to plan actions and leverage the resources that will improve student outcomes, especially students that are Foster Youth, English Learners, and Low-Income.
- She shared additional information on how O.U.S.D. reflects on the data captured by the L.C.A.P., including surveys, setting goals and actions. She reviewed the top 5 trends among our students.
- Dr. Schaffer explained that students and staff can complete the survey via their Dashboard. In addition, the survey is completely anonymous and simple to complete.
- Elena Rodriguez asked D.A.C. representatives to be on the lookout for an invite to participate in focus groups after winter break.
- Elena concluded the presentation by posting the QR code and reminding everyone that the deadline to complete the survey is January 12, 2024. Any questions about the L.C.A.P. survey, please contact LCAPsurvey@orangeusd.org

Security Camera Updates- Tam Nguyen/Chief Technology Officer, I.T. Department

- Tam Nguyen, Chief Technology Officer in the I.T. Department discussed the importance of having our campuses equipped with appropriate cameras.
- He expects all sites to be equipped with cameras by January 2024 and although the cameras may be installed there is a lot of planning to be considered, including data (infrastructure), software, and monitoring of future trends.
- He further explained that the feedback from many departments in O.U.S.D. has been invaluable to make this project successful.

U.P.K.- Shannon Brown/Early Learning Coordinator, Accountability, Equity School Support

- Shannon Brown, Coordinator in Early Learning described how essential and how successful students are when they have an early exposure to education.
- She presented the educational pathway students as young as 1 year old can start in O.U.S.D. Programs include Early Head Start, Head Start, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten.
- She listed additional programs available to families, for example, Learning Link, Preschool CSPP which include parent paid options.
- Shannon Brown stated that all O.U.S.D. Title I school sites offer high quality Universal PreKindergarten. In 2025-2026 all 4-year-olds will be able to attend Transitional Kindergarten free of charge.

Parent Workshops- Kathryn Makena/ Administrator, Special Education

- Kathryn Makena, Administrator in Special Education invited parents to attend workshops that are offered throughout the year. She also will reach out to school sites to share these flyers via School Messenger.

Special Recognition- Ernest Gonzalez/Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Ernest Gonzalez wanted to acknowledge West Orange Elementary for their Golden Bell award for their work in Mathematics. In addition, Mr. Gonzalez acknowledged West Orange and McPherson for being recognized as C-S.T.E.M. Distinguished Schools. Principal Jeff Morgan was nominated as C-S.T.E.M. Administrator of the Year for his amazing work at Portola Middle School. Superintendent Gonzalez thanked everyone for attending D.A.C.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2024