



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



Wednesday, January 24, 2024
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 of the 2024 year. He thanked everyone for their attendance and explained that Mr. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Orange Unified School District, was unable to be present due to his participation in a Superintendent Conference.

Topics Discussed:

Home-to-School Transportation Plan Update-Dave Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO & Christina Celeste-Russo, Director of Transportation Department

- Christina Celeste-Russo, Director of Transportation Department explained how the State Budget Act of 22-23 provided \$637 million ongoing for Prop 98 General Fund, specifically tagged for Home-to-School Transportation.
- Mr. Rivera, Deputy Superintendent/CBO explained that the funding would provide up to 60% of the transportation costs. He also explained in detail how transportation is generally funded.
- Christina further clarified that the plan submitted must describe what it will offer and how the district will prioritize transportation needs for low-income students, students in TK-6 grade and students that are English Learners, identified McKinney-Vento, Foster Youth and Low-Income students.
- The plan must also be developed with various committees, and then presented to the Board of Education to be adopted before April of that year.
- Christina shared many updates including reorganization in the Transportation Department, increased staff morale, increased site support leading to better retaining of employees. Her department also purchased 8 charter-style CBG school buses, started the implementation of transfinder program, and purchased camera systems with full 360-degree angle capacity.

LCAP Update-Elena Rodriguez/Executive Director of Elementary, Accountability, Equity & School Support & Dr. Sandy Schaffer/Administrator, Accountability, Equity & School Support

- Dr. Schaffer, Administrator in Accountability, Equity & School Support office explained that the district uses the LCAP as a tool to measure students and sites' needs. She also explained that our district could not complete this giant project without the assistance of the OCDE and our district's I.T. Department.
- She reviewed the LCAP survey participation results which showed that the district is very close to reaching its goal of 16,000 responses. As of January 22nd, there are a total of 14,631 responses.
- The survey responses have been collected from Elementary, Secondary students, OUSD staff, and families. Every site will receive an individual report with their results. Each site will analyze their needs to be reflected in their school plan.

OUSD Showcases 2023- Dr. Kenneth Miller/Acting Executive Director of Secondary Education, Educational Services

- Dr. Miller, Acting Executive Director of Secondary Education explained the purpose of the OUSD. Attract & Retain Program. Promotion of the district has included Superintendent newsletters, ads on district social media, school tours and showcases.
- Showcases are held at all the comprehensive high schools. Participatns include, feeder schools, various high clubs, high school and middle school athletic programs, signature school programs and parent organization groups.
- Dr. Miller also discussed OUSD's multiple year partnership with Angels Baseball.

Craig Abercrombie/Acting Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Craig Abercrombie thanked everyone for attending D.A.C. and reminded everyone that the next meeting would be in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024