

OUSD Legislative Coalition

November 1, 2023 – O.U.S.D. Board Room 3

Present: **Mariana Flores** (U.S. Representative Lou Correa); **Sarah Mendoza** (U.S. Representative Young Kim); **Matt Kern** (State Senator Dave Min); **Ethan Gay** (State Senator Dave Min); **Tina Arias Miller** (State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia); **Andrea Yamasaki** (OUSD Board); **Ana Page** (OUSD Board); **Ernie Gonzalez** (OUSD Superintendent); **Elena Rodriguez** (OUSD); **Heriberto Angel** (OUSD); **Whitney Amsbary** (OUEA); **Shirin Badrtalei-Shah** (Anaheim Hills ES); **Nadia Hall** (Jordan ES); **Arash Samadani** (Running Springs ES); **Wendy Wolf** (Villa Park ES); **Erin Flynn** (Cerro Villa MS); **Sonia Anderson** (Santiago Charter MS); **Eileen Hartfelder** (Canyon HS); **Kim Van Der Hoek** (El Modena HS); **Nicol Jones** (Villa Park HS); **Annette Cambiaso** (At Large); **Jolin Lang** (At Large); **Kathy Moffat** (At Large); **Kathryn White** (At Large). Quorum was established.

Call to Order: Kathryn White, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:08am. Kathryn introduced herself and thanked Wendy Wolf for filling in for her at the last meeting.

Secretary: Nicol Jones presented the October 2023 minutes for review and approval. An addition was submitted by Nadia Hall. Wendy Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, and Nadia Hall seconded. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer: No report since the new bank statement has not been received. She will send it to Nicol and Nicol will send it attached to the November minutes. Invoices went out yesterday, please give payment to Eileen.

Mariana Flores, U.S. Representative Lou Correa

- They have two items right now regarding education.
 - HR4519 - Full funding for IDEA. This bill would allow full Federal funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
 - HR762 - Expressing support for increasing the number of Latino students and young professionals entering careers in science, math and technology fields

Sarah Mendoza, U.S. Representative Young Kim

- Brendon Moeller is no longer with their office representing Orange and Villa Park. Sarah is now taking his place. She has been with the office for two years, first with the old district and now in the new district.
- They have not had a Speaker for awhile, so there is concern about that.
- The Congressional App Challenge deadline is today! They have had eight students submit apps from OUSD, 24 total as of yesterday.
- Service Academy Nomination packets are due on November 3.
- They have internships available and the flyer is attached to these minutes.

Matt Kern, State Senator Dave Min

- They are out of session right now.
- They got ten bills signed in the last session. They got \$10 million for the Pacific Symphony for community programs, plus money for the Orange County Museum of Art and the Early Childhood Center at Orange Coast College.

Tina Arias Miller, State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia

- They are out of session right now as well.
- On October 19 they attended the Orange High School Instructional Music concert. It is the 120 year anniversary of Orange High and they will present them with a certificate.

- They are looking to attend other events and are happy to present acknowledgements. Please give them one month notice.
- She is going to switch hats for a moment and talk about dual enrollment between OUSD and the Rancho Santiago Community College District. There seems to be a conflict between regular college courses and the content of the courses for dual enrollment. There is a meeting coming up on this issue. Ernie Gonzalez stated that there has already been a meeting on this issue. Kathryn White said that if there is a problem getting dual enrollment recognized you can reach out to your counselor to resolve it. Elena Rodriguez said to also take a look at student transcripts since the student's GPA could take a hit when they add dual enrollment college courses. Sonia Anderson stated that she is happy we are discussing this since it is good to know how different college courses can be for our younger students.
- Tina asked how Cash for College works for OUSD? Elena Rodriguez stated that they give information through Rancho Santiago Community College District financial aid workshops at the high schools. December through April they begin scheduling these events. Elena added that Santiago Canyon College also gives workshops on the FAFSA.

Heriberto "Eddie" Angel, O.U.S.D.

- He presented on our attendance initiatives at the Orange Unified Council P.T.A. meeting this morning. All districts have been seeing the effects of the pandemic on attendance. Attendance rates are only 92-94% across the County. We are averaging 95.5% for our District, which is still down from pre-pandemic rates. Across our district it is "all hands on deck" - everyone plays a part in ensuring good student attendance. They have been honoring their top 5 ADA (Average Daily Attendance) schools with BBQ/pizza parties provided by Nutrition Services, plus a 6 foot trophy. This has been getting the kids pumped up and motivated. We are still wondering about high school students - how do we motivate them? They are getting information on options out to parents.
- ADA is critical to our district. Chronic absenteeism is 18 or more days absent from school (10% or more). This dings us on the California School Dashboard. The good news is that our chronic absenteeism rates are down. In the 2021-2022 school year we were at 25%, but in 2022-2023 we were at 22%. Kathy Moffat shared a personal story about getting a letter from the District about absences - do we still send letters? Yes, they are required by Ed Code, but there is principal involvement and they can pause it for extenuating circumstances, such as if the child is in the hospital. If children develop bad attendance habits at a young age it carries forward.

Elena Rodriguez, O.U.S.D.

- OUSD held their Math Focus Group. Out of 129 people invited, 5 showed up. They are compiling feedback today. Next steps will be to have meetings with the department chairs. We no longer have department meetings, but Superintendent Ernie Gonzalez said that we will bring that back together. Wendy Wolf mentioned that her and Kathryn White have been very involved in this Focus Group. They were very disappointed in the turnout, but there was higher attendance from high school parents. Maybe host a Town Hall meeting. Kathryn White added that the high school meeting had all Villa Park parents, which is not reflective of our district. Elena added that maybe they can enlist DLAC parents as well.
- OUSD attended Treats in the Streets, which is a great community event. It was great to see so many kids there. The kids were about half from OUSD and half from other areas. If they were from OUSD they handed them an LCAP flyer, stickers and backpack tags. The Early Learning team was there as well.
- They would like as much input for the LCAP as possible. A copy of the flyer is attached to these minutes. Wendy Wolf mentioned that she has two different schools, but it was too difficult to comingle the answers for the schools on the survey. It is easier just to do one survey per school.
- Kathryn White mentioned the importance of teachers in this process. We can involve them through the survey, but how do we support them? There was discussion on involving teachers and other OUSD stakeholders and special interest groups in this process.
- Arash Samadani mentioned the Math Focus Group and Narcan training that was offered awhile ago. How was the information on this disseminated? Eddie Angel stated that it was posted on social media, and Ana Page said that it was also in the Superintendent's Message. Superintendent Gonzalez said that they are trying to be very purposeful with their messaging. How much is too much or not enough is a fine line.

Ana Page, OUSD Board of Education

- The CAASPP data is out. You can look at the data by school site or for the whole district.
- During Read Across America they read "With Lots of Love" which is a great book that incorporates culture, food, and family relationships.
- Ana attended the VPHS Topping Off ceremony. The beam was painted blue and everyone was invited to sign it. The kids were really excited.
- Many elementary and middle schools have changed their dress code and are making Wednesdays 'college wear' days. Many of our schools are AVID schools which have a college focus and particularly encourage first generation students to attend college. Chapman University donated a bunch of shirts but they are also trying to get other local universities to partner with them so all kids can participate.

Andrea Yamasaki, OUSD Board of Education

- It has been a busy month! They had fun participating in Trunk or Treat at the elementary schools. She loved the staff costumes as well and the themes.
- She also attended a Dia de los Muertos event and a Veterans Day ceremony.
- We do not have voting centers on our campuses anymore and now it is a staff development day.
- At the last Board meeting Jeff Jones was made principal at Cerro Villa Middle School.
- West Orange Elementary School won the Golden Bell Award for math.
- Four of our high school students were National Merit scholars and we have three AP Honor Roll schools: Canyon, El Modena, and Villa Park High Schools.
- Andrea also attended the Villa Park High School Topping Off ceremony.
- The Attorney General of California has issued a warning letter on Parent Notification Policies. The Board approved the use of a law firm in case OUSD needs to defend our own policy. This is an OUSD Board issue, not a LegCo issue.
- There is a PTA Advocacy Forum that will be held at El Modena on November 9 from 9:30-11:30am. Senator Josh Newman and Assemblywoman Sharon Quark-Silva will be participating.

Kathryn White, Chair

- Old business
 - Approval of Bylaws
 - Kathryn would like to recognize the members of the committee: Wendy Wolf, Nicol Jones, Annette Cambiaso, Eileen Hartfelder, Kathy Moffat, Jolin Lang and herself.
 - We went through six versions of changes. Here is a summary of some of the main changes, other than small typos:
 - Article 3: Trustees changed to three, added a spot for the Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation, added number for At Large members instead of the formula.
 - Article 4: Fiscal year is now tied to the member organization's fiscal year, not LegCo's.
 - Article 5: Changes to platform subcommittee.
 - Article 6: Clarified duties and banking practices.
 - Article 7: Clarified process for the platform committee, and changed the threshold to 2/3 to pass a platform and move it on in the process. Also clarified conversations and meetings with legislators.
 - Article 9: Increased the notice period for the Bylaws.
 - Kathryn White made a motion to approve the new Bylaws as amended. Wendy Wolf seconded. There was no discussion. For the vote, there was only one vote in opposition, so the motion was approved.
 - Wendy Wolf made a motion to approve the following members as Members At Large for the 2023-2024 year: Annette Cambiaso, Jolin Lang, Kathy Moffat and Kathryn White. Whitney Amsbary seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Kathryn reminded everyone that invoices for dues went out. Please send your checks to Eileen Hartfelder.
- We will have no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2024.

- Annette Cambiaso said that there is an article in the OC Register about banning cell phones in schools in Florida.
- Whitney Amsbary said that we held our Car Raffle last week for the Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation at Fred Kelly Stadium. A parent at Orange High School was the winner of a car donated by Stadium Nissan! The Orange High School Girls Basketball team also earned an extra \$500 by being the top raffle ticket sellers. Congratulations to everyone!

Meeting was adjourned by Kathryn White at 12:17pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

Report of Financial Activity, November 2023

Congresswoman Young Kim's Congressional Internship Opportunity flyer

LCAP Survey flyer

Next meeting date is Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (we are dark in December) at 11:00am – O.U.S.D. Board Room 3

For future meetings and locations, go to <https://www.orangeusd.org/departments/board-of-education/legislative-coalition>

OUSD LEGISLATIVE COALITION
REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Wells Fargo checking as of 10/01/23	\$1362.92
Deposit/Credits	70.00
Withdrawals/debits	0.00
Ending Balance on 10/31/23	\$1432.92



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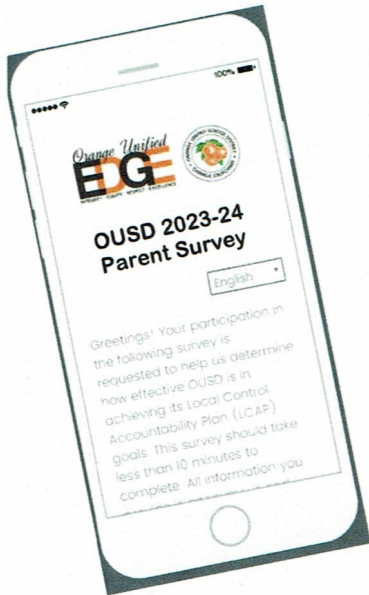
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improve student achievement through our
Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

*Ayúdenos a continuar refinando los programas y servicios, y a mejorar el logro
estudiantil a través de nuestro
Plan de Control Local y Rendición de Cuentas (LCAP)*

Orange USD is collecting anonymous responses from parents, community members, teachers, principals, and students to allow them to provide input on the LCAP. Become a critical partner engaged in providing an outstanding 21st century education for all students. OUSD truly wants to hear from you on this survey as these results will guide the (LCAP) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Orange USD está conduciendo una encuesta para recolectar respuestas anónimas de padres, maestros, directores de escuelas y estudiantes para permitirles aportar sus opiniones en el LCAP. Conviértanse en socios esenciales comprometidos en brindar una educación sobresaliente para todos los estudiantes. OUSD realmente desea escuchar sus opiniones en esta encuesta, ya que estos resultados guiarán el Plan LCAP para el año escolar 2024-2025.

Please use the link provided to take
the survey today on any device. Survey window is open
from October 23, 2023 through January 12, 2024.

*Por favor, utilice el enlace proporcionado para tomar la encuesta en
cualquier dispositivo electrónico. El período de tiempo para tomar la
encuesta estará abierto desde el 23 de octubre de 2023 hasta el 12 de
enero de 2024.*

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