

Mt. Diablo Unified School District
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

March 19, 2024

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Willow Creek Center

MDUSD Representatives: Jennifer Sachs,

I. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Sachs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Jennifer then 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. District Updates – Dr. Clark

Our next Board Meeting is March 27, 2024 and Spring Break is March 28 – April 5, 2024. The district held a Teacher Staff Development Day last week and the schools are hosting band concerts and honor choir concerts.

Some people may have received phone calls regarding the district's polling for a parcel tax. Part of our agreement with MDEA was to explore a parcel tax to lower class sizes. Our elementary classes are this year approximately 27 but can go up to 31-34 students.

III. Creating Positive & Engaging School Climates – Elementary Director Marji Calbeck and Secondary Director Samantha Allen

MDUSD Systems of Support consists of:

- Multi -Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS)
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

MTSS:

- Teamwork
- Positive culture and climate framework
- Parental action
- School/Community Collaboration
- Response to intervention
- Professional Development
- Social Emotional Learning

PBIS:

- Expectations and rules
- Maximize Structure

- Student engagement
- Responding to inappropriate behavior
- Acknowledge appropriate behavior

SEL:

- Instruction
- Youth voice and engagement
- Supportive discipline
- Integrated supports
- Family partnerships
- Community partnerships

Tier I builds on academic, behavior and social emotional needs for students which includes:

- Inclusive academic instruction including ALD classes for students with English language needs, iReady, accelerated learning and supporting English Learner programs.
- Inclusive behavior instruction including positive behavior recognitions, preventative behavioral instruction – reinforcing school rules and norms, and culture building for positive school climate.
- Inclusive Social-Emotional Instruction including SEL in the classroom, instructional practices that promote SEL – short check-ins with students, and student voices – monthly leadership council for students in leadership.

Two of the districts' LCAP goals speak directly to creating and sustaining positive and engaging school environments. They are Goal #2 which is to have a high quality, culturally proficient and responsive staff creating a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment for all students and, Goal #4 which focuses on students that are experiencing homelessness, foster youth, students with disabilities and emerging bilingual students that they have equal access to educational opportunities.

Every school has a MTSS team which consists of an administrator, teachers and a counselor who meet four times a year.

The district has been working with TNTP (The New Teacher Project) for the past few years training teachers to be well prepared and effective leaders. We also have AVID which helps teachers to prepare all students for college and career readiness. IB (International Baccalaureate) encourages students to problem solve and make decisions that impact them. Four schools in our district focus on IB, and they are Sequoia Elementary, Monte Gardens Elementary, Oak Grove Middle School and Ygnacio Valley High School.

Dr. Shelley Holt has been working with our secondary teams around cultural proficiency. The district also has "See Something, Say Something" which focuses on a safe and supportive school environment. Secondary sites all have a link to an anonymous tip line helping keep our schools safe. The district has been working with an outside expert support team, Rockeye Consulting. This team has met with each site safety team on incident command and all camera systems have been updated schoolwide.

The benefits of a positive school climate are improved academic performance, increased student attendance and engagement, enhanced social-emotional well-being and reduced disciplinary issues and bullying.

Building positive relationships between students, staff and parents is a very important part of what MDUSD does.

IV. Announcements

March 20th – CPHS Area Orchestra Festival

March 25th – Northgate HS Area Band Festival

March 26th – Northgate HS Area Orchestra Festival

March 26th – Fentanyl Awareness at Riverview MS

March 27th – Board Meeting

Future Meeting Dates:

- ✚ April 16, 2024 – Input for Local Control Accountability Plan
- ✚ May 21, 2024 – Review of Local Control Accountability Plan

Meeting Adjourned at 7pm