



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



Wednesday, March 20, 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 our District Advisory Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their attendance and clarified that Mr. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Orange Unified School District, was unable to be present due to his participation at the Superintendent's Student Forum at Orange High School. Mr. Abercrombie also explained that Mr. Gonzalez would love to expand the Forum to the middle school students, which was suggested by our own secondary students.

Topics Discussed:

AI in Education- Randy Kolset/Administrator, Educational Technology, Educational Services

- Randy Kolset, Administrator of Educational Technology presented information about Artificial Intelligence. He provided a quick history and how it has revolutionized our world.
- Mr. Kolset described how AI, for example, Chat GPT, can be beneficial, especially if teachers use it with caution and under constant supervision. Teachers know their students and their abilities and how instruction is best delivered for their own classroom. Randy recognized that there are many concerns regarding the use of AI in Education, plagiarism being one of them. Information should be analyzed, and teachers should be the interpreters of this information.
- Randy Kolset provided a list and links of tools that can aid DAC representatives with writing tools, personalized learning, creativity, and design.
- In conclusion, Randy stated that there are questions that districts throughout the country will have to ask themselves, including guidelines and policies. Most importantly, discussions about Artificial Intelligence are needed.

LCAP Analysis of Survey & Focus Groups 23/24- 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.
- The survey responses have been collected from elementary students, secondary students, families, and district staff. Every site will receive an individual report with their results. Each site will analyze their needs to be reflected in their school plans. There were over 12,990 responses this year.
- Dr. Schaffer discussed the four focus areas that were an important part of the survey. 54% of our students do not feel that there are any barriers for them to attend college. However, Dr. Schaffer did state that additional workshops for secondary students would be a great way for the district to support families that think that money is a barrier to attending college.
- Sandy also described the qualitative responses that were most common within all stakeholders, including improvement in school cleanliness, offering more sports/extra-curricular activities, and facilities improvement.

2024 Summer Programs- Lisa Green, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Services & Jaime Beidler, Coordinator of Expanded Learning, Educational Services

- Lisa Green, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented information about Secondary, Middle School Summer Enrichment Academies, ESY (Special Education) Summer Programs, and Santiago Canyon College (Summer College for Kids) Program.
- Jaime Beidler, Coordinator of Expanded Learning presented information about the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program and the CARES Summer Camps.

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 late May. For our last meeting of the 2023-2024 school year, the Nutritional Services Department will provide breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024