

OUSD Legislative Coalition

October 4, 2023 – O.U.S.D. Board Room 3

Present: **Mariana Flores** (U.S. Representative Lou Correa); **Kimberly Rangel** (U.S. Representative Lou Correa); **Brendon Moeller** (U.S. Representative Young Kim); **Matt Kern** (State Senator Dave Min); **Tina Arias Miller** (State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia); **Elena Rodriguez** (OUSD); **Heriberto Angel** (OUSD); **Andrea Yamasaki** (OUSD Board); **Whitney Amsbary** (OUEA); **Joseph Wilhelm** (OUEA); **Jennifer Carrillo** (OUC PTA); **Shirin Badrtalei-Shah** (Anaheim Hills ES); **Nisha Verma** (Chapman Hills ES); **Julie Jo White** (Handy ES); **Nadia Hall** (Jordan ES); **Wendi Forrest** (McPherson K-8); **Beth Brunett** (Nohl Canyon 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); **Neda Karam** (Canyon HS); **Kim Van Der Hoek** (El Modena HS); **Nicol Jones** (Villa Park HS); **Annette Cambiaso** (At Large); **Kathy Moffat** (At Large). Quorum was established.

- Call to Order:** Wendy Wolf, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:03am. She is filling in for Kathryn White today. Introduced new members: Nadia Hall from Jordan Elementary, Arash Samadani from Running Springs Elementary, Erin Flynn from Cerro Villa Middle School, and Julie White from Handy Elementary.
- Secretary:** Nicol Jones presented the September 2023 minutes for review and approval. Joseph Wilhelm moved to approve the minutes and Neda Karam seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Treasurer:** Eileen Hartfelder presented the Treasurers Report. There were no changes this month, so our account balance is still \$1,362.92. She reminded the group of our annual fee of \$35.00. Nicol Jones will send out invoices this month.

Mariana Flores, U.S. Representative Lou Correa

- There has been a lot going on at the Federal level in order to avoid a government shutdown.
- There is no current update on education legislation, everything is about funding right now.
- November 1st is the deadline for the Congressional App Challenge.
- On October 31 they will be hosting a Service Academy Night.
- For their Young Congressional Leaders Program they have three OUSD students: two from Canyon High School and one from Orange High School. The program is still open, it is one year long and you receive a letter of recommendation from their office. They can drop flyers at any interested high schools.

Brendon Moeller, U.S. Representative Young Kim

- Their report is similar to Representative Correa's. A lot of concern about the Speaker and the shutdown.
- November 1st is also their deadline for the Congressional App Challenge.
- On November 3rd their Service Academy Nomination packets are due.

Matt Kern, State Senator Dave Min

- They have several bills awaiting the Governor's signature. Out of their 14 bills this year, 6 are waiting for signature. These bills should be signed on the 14th.
- Bill SB872 which is the bill mentioned before regarding class size data has no opposition and is waiting for signature.
- Matt highlighted a bill that would provide money for modernizing the Early Childhood Center at Orange Coast College.

Tina Arias Miller, State Assemblyman Avelino Valencia

- The Assemblyman will host a staff retreat in November to get bill ideas for next year. She is looking for community input for legislation without large price tags attached. An example is requiring electronic agendas for School Boards. She will leave her cards if anyone would like to contact her with their personal input.

Elena Rodriguez, O.U.S.D.

- They have been emphasizing community building. One activity has been “feeder nights” at football games where all the feeder schools for that high school are invited to a game at Fred Kelly Stadium.
- Our high schools had their Homecoming dances.
- Two of our schools received the CSTEM Distinguished Schools Award from U.C. Davis and will be celebrated on October 20: McPherson and West Orange! Principal Jeff Morgan was recognized for his work at Portola Middle School (he is now at a different campus). Jordan Academy had Mr. Ramirez recognized for CSTEM as well.
- West Orange Elementary was also recognized as a Golden Bell Award winner for their emphasis on math.

Heriberto “Eddie” Angel, O.U.S.D.

- Eddie introduced himself. He is the Executive Director of Student and Community Services.
- Walk to School Day was today! The majority of our elementary schools participate. This event promotes exercise and safety. Their staff was out with our students and parents and you can look for photos on their website. Kathy Moffat added that having Walk to School Day is also important because you get adult eyes on the routes to school. If there are any safety hazards it is a good opportunity for feedback to the cities. Elena Rodriguez mentioned an obstacle that some Olive students encountered this morning, and stated that the best conversations with parents are at these events, in parking lots, etc. It was nice to also see former students.
- Eddie mentioned the District’s focus on attendance. Parents might think that it is just about money, but more ADA (Average Daily Attendance) dollars equal more personnel and more resources for our kids.
- Poor attendance is usually the result of *something*. Finding out what the issue is can be an opportunity to connect. They are building those procedures at our sites and also celebrating kids coming to school. This year schools with the highest ADA are celebrated each month. This month they had five winners who got a BBQ and a trophy: Lampson Elementary, Olive Elementary, Cerro Villa Middle School, Villa Park Elementary, and McPherson). Nisha Verma asked if a child is sick, how does that factor in? Eddie responded that if we are going for a 96, that means out of 100 kids, 96 were there. They highly encourage doctor’s appointments to be scheduled after school, or bring them to school and then check them out for their doctor’s appointment (and bring them back!) If your child will be ill for a period of 3-14 days then we have a Short Term Independent Study program. For chronic illness we have other programs such as those offered at Parkside or our EDGE Academy. They want to intervene at an early stage. Nisha said that there is probably the same general rate of illness, and the purpose of the program should be to encourage parents not to schedule doctor’s appointments, sports, vacations, etc. during school time. Eddie agreed and said the biggest part is education. Countywide the average ADA is around 92-94%. Neda Karem asked if Zoom is an option for students who are home sick. Eddie stated that having some students on Zoom is very challenging for the teacher, and Elena added that technical difficulties (on either end) can add to the challenge. Eddie emphasized again that there are also options through our EDGE Academy, Home Hospital program, and Parkside. Annette Cambiaso asked if we still offer Saturday School. Eddie said that we still have it, but the challenge is that most students do not want to go. It is about switching the mindset and developing good habits while they are young. The kids have to be there to learn.

Andrea Yamasaki, OUSD Board of Education

- Andrea said that Ana Page apologizes for not being here as she got pulled into a meeting.
- She is happy that the District had their Active Shooter Training for staff. The program was Knowledge Saves Lives (KSL) and it is for all employees. The Orange County Grand Jury recommended the KSL program. This is the reality we are living in, so the issue now is how do we respond? We will also be doing our usual earthquake and fire drills. This was a lockdown/shelter-in-place training. Kathy Moffat mentioned that we

should probably be using terms like “lockdown training” instead of “active shooter”.

- Rob Bonta, the California Attorney General, filed a lawsuit against the Chino Valley School District regarding their Parental Notification Policy.
- They had the Topping Off Ceremony at Orange High School and it was a wonderful event. The next Topping Off event is at Villa Park High School on October 26 at 4:00pm.
- Andrea attended the Patriot Day Assembly at Nohl Canyon Elementary School and they did an amazing job.

Wendy Wolf, Vice Chair

- Old business
 - Members at Large: once we pass our new Bylaws we will vote on our Members at Large.
 - Our Bylaws Committee meeting had to be cancelled, so the new date is October 16 via Zoom.
 - Parliamentarian: The Board is appointing Erin Flynn as Parliamentarian. This is an appointed position and no vote is needed.
 - If your organization is able to pay, please pay our suggested dues of \$35.00.
 - Our minutes will be posted on the OUSD website.
- Discussion
 - Annette asked if she should be on the Bylaws Committee. Yes, the Coalition will be voting on the Bylaws when presented.
 - Kathy Moffat gave an update on the Orange County Committee on School Districts. This is the issue where the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) petitioned the State to to give all the powers from this committee to OCBE. At 6:00pm tomorrow the Committee is meeting at the Orange County Department of Education in the OCBE Boardroom on Kalmus Drive in Costa Mesa.
 - Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation (OUPSF) gave their report. They are in the thick of their car raffle! The winning ticket will be drawn during halftime at the Orange High School football game on October 27. It is not too late to participate! The amount you make on each ticket depends on how many you sell, but you can bundle with another group to get to a higher level.
 - Andrea Yamasaki added that legislation that proposed to revise our ADA legislation died in committee.
 - Tina Arias Miller said that they delivered a recognition to Orange High School directly to the school.
 - In response to a question about Narcan, Eddie Angel stated that all school sites have Narcan, in addition to the District Office. It is kept in the nurse's office. Members stated that they keep in in their car, but it may be slightly less effective due to heat. You can also punch a hole in the corner of the packaging and carry it with you on your keychain.

Meeting was adjourned by Wendy Wolf at 12:14pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

Report of Financial Activity, September 2023

Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 1, 2023 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, October 4, 2023

Wells Fargo checking as of 9/01/23	\$1362.92
Deposit/Credits	0.00
Withdrawals/debits	0.00
Ending Balance on 9/30/23	\$1362.92