



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

Mr. Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools at Orange Unified, welcomed everyone to our District Advisory Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their attendance and for their participation throughout the year. He also talked about the M.S. Track Meet, the Olympiad Games and how departments throughout the district were busy with end of the year celebrations including retirement, employee of the year, promotions, and graduations.

Topics Discussed:

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.
- For the 2024-2025 school year, Orange Unified will align with the California Dashboard with 3 major goals. These goals include academic performance, academic engagement, and condition/climate to maintain and effectively support students, staff and community.
- Dr. Schaffer also discussed the elimination of a few actions that were not benefiting our students and the addition of new actions that will provide additional services and support for our targeted students, including Foster Youth, Long Term English Learners and English Learners.

Marketing & Athletics/Activities Review- Dr. Kenneth Miller/Acting Executive Director of Secondary Education, Educational Services

- Dr. Kenneth Miller began his presentation by stating that there were over 22 League Championships during the 2023-2024 school year. He congratulated all the individual champions and Academic Champions.
- He also shared that more than 7,895 students participated in athletics this year and that the number of College Signees was 47 student-athletes.
- Additionally, Fred Kelly Stadium, the Pride of Orange Unified, hosted 19 football games and 2 CIF Playoff games. There were approximately 30,000 spectators visiting the stadium this 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Miller is very excited to announce that for the 2024-2025 school year, Fred Kelly Stadium will host at least 22 home football games, playoffs, soccer and lacrosse CIF-SS Championships.
- To conclude his report, he talked about the OUSD 3rd annual Middle School Track Meet, the Carnival of Champions, and Olympiad Games. The district celebrated over 700 student-athletes on May 16th and 17th.

Employees of the Year- Tracy Knibb/Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

- Tracy Knibb, Assistant Superintendent in Human Resources, clarified that selecting an employee of the year is an extensive process, from applications and interviews. Tracy presented a slide with the names of all employees. She explained that there were three teachers, three classified employees and three administrators.
- Mrs. Knibb shared that each employee of the year also received a special gift and certificate from O.U.S.D. with a surprise special visit from Executive Cabinet and O.U.S.D. Administrators.
- Our D.A.C. Representatives had the pleasure of watching a remarkable video produced by our Communications Department, showcasing each nominee and the compelling reasons why their site Administrators nominated them. It was truly inspiring to witness the profound impact these employees have on our students and their schools.

Craig Abercrombie/Acting Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Craig Abercrombie thanked everyone for attending and being a crucial part of the DAC community. He also asked our representatives to complete a survey to better understand the needs of our community and input for future DAC meetings. He also provided us with a small recap of all the amazing events that have happened during the 23-24 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. This was the **last meeting of the 23-24 school year.**