

DAC Meeting 10/28/24

Zoom Meeting

Jim started the meeting by reviewing the DAC and LCAP Meetings. The DAC meeting will focus on all federal funds and will be held on Zoom about three times a year. The LCAP meetings will focus more on the local control accountability plan and will be held in person at the Family & Community Resource Center.

Jim reminded everyone to sign in for the meeting through the chat. He thanked everyone for attending.

The purpose of the DAC is to help with oversight when using federal funds and to give input on what the funds are used for. Jim gave a general overview of all DAC meetings for this school year.

Federal Funds, Title I (30100). Our budgets have 37 numbers, the resource is a 5-digit code, for Title I the code is 30100. If your students get an income survey it is very important to return it once it is complete. Parents might be confusing these forms with the free/reduced lunch forms, and now that everyone gets free lunch parents don't understand the importance of returning the income forms.

In LCAP we receive funds based on EL, free/reduced lunch, and foster youth. These are used to support student success and can be used for many things. In Title I, it can only be used for students who are struggling. Jim shared the use of appropriate funds table. Title I funds are restricted, they are used to improve academic performance and socioemotional learning, translation, parent involvement, and books for the library, anything we call supplemental. If something is funded through LCAP, it can't be funded through Title I.

Sites use Title I for field trips and assemblies.

Any questions?

Question: Are the income surveys the scantron-looking forms that students brought home?
Yes. Every student should have received at least one copy.

Jim continued reviewing the use of appropriate funds table.

Any questions?

Question: Teachers purchase black markers. Would these be covered?
The markers are not directed at the student and are almost a base allocation, depending on what the markers are for. This is where it gets tricky.

Your plans tell us how you will spend your money and that is how we allocate your budget.

Jim showed us how to access the school plans and the SARC, the dashboard data, and other information.

Each site has a plan and at your SSC meeting, you should review how much was allocated for each funding source.

Any questions? Is this helpful?

Comment: Yes, this is helpful. I was not aware that this information was available online.

Question: What is Title IV?

That is for technology, school safety, and first access. The Spanish teachers at the middle school and campus supervisors are funded through Title IV.

Question: Jim, is there a Title V, VI, and so on?

No, just those that we just went over.

At our next meeting, we will go into more specifics about spending in each of the Title funds.

Question: We have seen an increase in the homeless population. Does that mean we get more money?

No, we don't get any more money for the homeless. We don't receive funds specifically for homeless students, they are considered low-income.

Question: As the number of homeless students increases, can we allocate more funds?

Yes, we can. We will go through that at our next meeting. Currently, the homeless funding supports a district liaison and a student welfare attendance technician who directly serves homeless students specifically. They make sure to get them to school, help them find housing, and check on them. We have a teacher that we fund who serves Oak Grove and Denton because those schools don't have Title I funds.

Any other questions on that?

That is it for this meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 27th. We will review the parent involvement policy and all expenditures. We will review what each site will receive based on the income forms.

Question: Do you have the LCAP dates and times listed on the website?

The dates should be on the VUSD calendar on the website. We will email everyone a list of dates tomorrow morning.

Question: Back to my earlier question about the markers. The markers are purchased for students to use on their whiteboards. Would these be allowable?

It would be but depends on what the school has allocated the funds for already. It would be something you would have to work with the principal at the SSC meetings.

Jim shared the phone number for the State and Federal Projects department in case anyone has any questions. The number is (559) 931-8095.

See you all on January 27th.

Meeting adjourned.