

## OUSD Legislative Coalition

November 6, 2024

OUSD Board Room 3, 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, CA 92867

**Present:** **Mariana Flores** (US Rep Lou Correa), **James Burandt-Nair** (US Rep Young Kim), **Matt Kern** (State Senator Dave Min), **Andrea Yamasaki** (OUSD), **Ernie Gonzalez** (OUSD), **Ken Miller** (OUSD), **Greg Goodlander** (OUEA), **Joseph Wilhelm** (OURT/OSEA), **Nicol Jones** (OUPSF), **David Scott** (Fletcher ES), **Nadia Hall** (Jordan ES), **Melissa Chelius** (Linda Vista), **Beth Brunett** (Nohl Canyon ES), **Arash Samadani** (Running Springs ES), **Lindsay Whiddon** (Serrano ES), **Wendy Wolf** (Cerro Villa MS), **Sonia Anderson** (Santiago Charter MS), **Bianca Alcock** (Canyon HS), **Kathryn White** (VPHS), **Annette Cambiaso** (At Large), **Jolin Lang** (At Large), **Kathy Moffat** (pubic). Quorum was established.

**Call to Order:** Kathryn White, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02am

**Secretary:** Lindsay Whiddon presented the October 2024 minutes for review and approval. Joseph Wilhelm moved to approve the minutes as presented. David Scott seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer:** Beth Brunett gave the Treasurer's Report. There have been no changes, our balance is \$1429.12. All members asked to pay \$35 dues from their organization/school. Members at large are responsible for their dues individually. Tax exempt forms are available. Invoices are available.

### **Mariana Flores, US Representative Lou Correa**

- The House has been out of session, so no legislative updates or bills moving through the house currently. The House will be back in session on 11/12.
- Internship application deadline is 11/15. If any HS students are interested, please apply. This deadline is for spring 2025, but the summer deadline is 4/21/25 for both the local district office and DC office
- Attended the Measure S ribbon cutting at OHS, presented a congressional recognition certificate
- Congressional leadership program still open, some CHS students are participating
- All information is on the website, or interested applicants can call office and ask for Mariana

### **James Burandt-Nair, US Representative Young Kim**

- First time attending! Currently out of session so not a lot of updates, but was also at the OHS Measure S ribbon cutting to present a certificate
- Service academy info sessions have been happening
- CalOptima and OC Dept of Ed Health and Wellness Fair was a success
- The Congressional App Challenge: winners will be announced in December
- Also accepting intern applications, 12/1 deadline- info is on the website. The summer internship deadline is TBD.

### **Matt Kern, State Senator Dave Min**

- Winding down since Senator Min will not be in office next year
- Transitioning out, but can be contacted for questions or issues in the meantime. Gratitude expressed for Mr. Kern's helpfulness and knowledge

### **Ernie Gonzalez, OUSD Superintendent**

- New employees in attendance today

- Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Sulema Holguin joined OUSD in July and comes from 25 years in education experience
- Assistant Superintendent of Ed Services, Matt Whittmore: 4th day on the job! Spent the last 11 years in Walnut
- Last Friday it was announced that Superintendent Gonzalez would be stepping down and returning to a different leadership position, still within the district. 1.5 years ago he was asked to take the Superintendent position to steady the ship but now that staff and leadership team is strong, he will be stepping aside. He will remain on the executive cabinet team and assist as needed with the search for a replacement.
- Celebrated Teachers of the Year, each received \$5k from the Gross Family Foundation and \$500 from school services, plus other recognitions. It was a special evening for all.
- There are 5 vacant seats for the school board in the current election. Results are not final, but Ana Page, Sara Pelly and Dr. Stephen Glass are all leading significantly. Areas 6 and Area 2 candidates were running unopposed.
- Severe winds today, some schools are experiencing downed power lines. Maintenance and operations crews are out supporting school sites. Elementary schools are on an early release schedule, We are trying to provide as little disruption as possible. Inclement weather schedules are in effect for safety.

#### **Ken Miller, OUSD**

- Announcements on Angels radio and on the Blg A, open houses and showcases are in Jan/February
- Ads directly link to the OUSD interest form. 100 families have reached out on interest form since July 1
- Thanks to the Exec Board and OUSD staff for support
- 2 football playoff games at Fred Kelly this week. Elmo tomorrow and VP on Friday
- Girls Flag Football was fantastic this year, we are hosting the inaugural finals but unfortunately no OUSD team. Our teams had great runs, and will continue to be competitive.
- Cross country meet for middle school will be rescheduled until next week due to wind
- We have added flag football and volleyball to all 6 middle schools. This was an LCAP goal!
- Update from Mr. Angel re: Warm Hands and Warm Hearts. The program aims to provide new jackets, shoes, hygiene items, etc to students experiencing homelessness. LegCo is invited to participate. Tags are on a tree and available to pick up in the Office of Student and Community Services. They include sizes and specific needs. Deadline is 12/4.
- Comment about Feeder Night football game, suggestion to make it on a Friday night instead of Thursday. A reminder that games are videos/streamed and archived.
- Comment about gratitude for Mr. Gonzalez's service, the plan is to name an interim Superintendent at the next board meeting and then a search and recruitment process will occur. Community members will be looking to know that we are moving forward in a positive way. Upcoming policies and legislative changes will still be implemented in accordance with timelines.
- OC PTA has a communicator that comes out each month and will have a list of new legislation that goes into effect January 1.

#### **Andrea Yamasaki, OUSD Board Trustee**

- October was a very busy month: fall festivities, red ribbon week, trunk or treats, etc. Schools are active and events have been great
- Statewide Prop 2: If it passes, good news for OUSD. It will provide some matching funds and improvements for facilities. OUSD will always apply for available funds.

- Next OUSD Board meeting next Thursday, where they will recognize Superintendent Gonzalez for his service during a time that leadership was needed. Mr. Ortega Ms. Rumsey will be recognized as well, as it is their last meeting.
- New trustees will be sworn in at the December meeting
- Will also be electing a new President, VP, Clerk and appointing board members for committees
- Sacramento Safari will be 2/24-25. If LegCo wants to send someone, they need to be part of PTA for at least 30 days
- PTA Advocacy Forum is coming up on Friday 11/15 from 9:30-11:30am at the board room of the Fountain Valley School District. Kathy Moffatt- 4 or 5 superintendents from throughout the county, excellent discussions about challenges facing everyone and great for sharing ideas
- LCAP Survey-please participate! It is now open
- 2025 legislations: include policies on cell phones, plus ethnic studies curriculum implemented by next year. Committees are in place to make recommendations.

#### **Old Business:**

- Suggested dues are \$35 for each school membership, checks payable to OUSD Legislative Coalition

#### **New Business:**

- Banking - Article VII, Section 6 of the Bylaws provides that the Treasurer and Chair shall be check signers on bank account(s) (only one check signer is required to sign a check). To clarify our direction to Wells Fargo, prior officers must be removed by name, and current signers must be given express authorization with specific language to satisfy Wells Fargo. The following motion is made by Wendy Wolfe: proposed to clarify: the current signers on the Coalition's bank account(s):
  - Kathryn White and Beth Brunett are each deemed the key executives with control of the entity with respect to the OUSD Legislative Coalition's Wells Fargo account effective May 29, 2024.
  - Eileen Hartfelder and Amy Watson shall be removed as signers to the OUSD Legislative Coalition's Wells Fargo account and are no longer key executives with control of the entity effective May 29, 2024.
- Sonia Anderson seconds. The motion passed unanimously.
- Nadia Hall, Jordan Elementary is planning to go to Sacramento Safari. The school will pay for the conference, she wonders if LegCo will pay for airfare (likely one-way).. A decision to be made on the airfare amount at the next meeting.
- Mr. Orgega and Ms. Rumsey: the public can send notes of appreciation that will be presented at the meeting

#### **Discussion/Announcements**

- Jolin Lang went to OUPSF: Celebration of Schools. CTE information that was provided was really good. Students that participated were excellent. We have the largest CTE program in the county.
- Melissa Chelius: daughter is in Girl Scout Troop 5158. For their Silver award project, they did an art installment for past teachers at CVMS. Pleased that the fireworks measure passed for additional funds possible for community groups like girl scouts.
- Nicol Jones: Celebration of Schools also highlighted a lot of different student groups, mark your calendars for next year to attend! Plan to have HS schools and feeder schools participate. Looking forward to growing the event in the future.
- David Scott: comment about AP classes and CTE programs not being visible on website

- Discussion about the option of being able to stay at your home school but are able to attend certain programs at other schools. Guidance counselors should also be able to provide information.
- Comment about Federal Department of Ed: should LegCo be considering what changes may take place with new administration

Meeting was adjourned by Kathryn White at 11:56am

ATTACHMENTS:

Report of Financial Activity, November 6, 2024

Warm Hearts and Hands program flyer

Next meeting: There is NO December meeting. Our next meeting is January 15, 2025 at 11am-OUUSD Board Room 3, 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, CA 92867

For future meetings information and past minutes, go to:

<https://www.orangeusd.org/departments/board-of-education/legislative-coalition>