Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
5:30 - 7pm
Willow Creek Center 1026 Mohr Lane,Concord, CA 94518

MDUSD Representatives:
Samantha Allen
Dr. Adam Clark
Debra Mason
Alexandra Emmott

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1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Samantha welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).
- She highlighted the positive growth in focal scholars, especially in areas with focused resources like math. Although overall data remained stable, there were improvements where efforts were concentrated, such as in teacher and leadership training for math.
- Emphasis was placed on using data to replicate successful strategies across the district and aligning the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) with LCAP.

2. Dr. Adam Clark - State of the District Updates:

- **Teacher of the Year:** Elizabeth Swanson (TK teacher, Silverwood Elementary) and David Pintado (CTE Patient Care Pathway) were recognized as Teachers of the Year.
- **Embezzlement Incident:** An individual embezzled from the after-school CARES program. Immediate action was taken, involving police, an internal investigation, and hiring new organizations to ensure no disruption in services in the after-school program.
- **Student Safety and Inclusivity:** Dr. Clark reinforced the district's commitment to providing a safe, welcoming environment for all students, regardless of immigration status or background.
- **Title IX Update:** Addressed a lawsuit regarding gender disparities in athletics at College Park High School. A settlement was reached, and the district is working to ensure equal treatment at all schools.

- **Fentanyl Awareness:**Tragically, two students, aged 18 and 16, passed away, while a 14-year-old and another 16-year-old were saved and are recovering after using fentanyl.. The school district has been actively holding presentations at high schools and middle schools, led by local figures, including Kelly Perkins, whose son died from fentanyl. Parents who attend the presentation also receive Narcan kits to help prevent potential overdoses.
- **Financial Challenges:** Many neighboring districts are facing budget cuts. The district is working hard to avoid cuts, but salary negotiations with unions are ongoing, with a focus on fiscal responsibility and maintaining student safety.

3. Alexandra Emmott - Food and Nutrition Services (FNS):

- **Overview of FNS:** FNS serves 25,000 meals daily across the district, including breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The department's mission is to nourish students for academic success.
- **Universal Meals Program:** California adopted Universal Meals for all students, which will continue with state funding through 2025-2026. The district is part of the Community Eligibility Program, ensuring all students receive free meals.
- **Special Dietary Requirements:** The department accommodates special dietary needs through a process that takes about ten days to complete.
- **Local Sourcing and Sustainability:** 60-70% of the district's produce is organic, and they work with local farms to source ingredients. The department also focuses on waste reduction, with efforts like compostable packaging and bulk service items to minimize plastic waste.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** FNS has received a $3 million grant for new equipment, including serving tables, refrigerators, and a refrigerated truck.

To contact Food and Nutrition Services email: foodservicessec@mdusd.org

Future Meeting Dates:

- March 25, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 27, 2025

If you have questions or are no longer the representative for your school site, please email Alma Healy at healya@mdusd.org