Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
March 25, 2025
5:30-7:00pm
Willow Creek Center

MDUSD Representatives: Samantha Allen, Heather Fontanilla, Robert Sidford, Erin Vallejo, Debora Mason

- **Welcome & Introductions**

  Samantha welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves and reviewed the role of the Parent Advisory Committee.

  The Parent Advisory Committee supports the district in implementing and monitoring programs and activities for al school in the district. PAC meetings include the opportunity to connect with District departments, including updates form Dr. Clark and presentations on relevant topics affecting MDUSD.

- **Review of LCAP Goals**

  Goal 1: All students will receive a high-quality education in a safe and welcoming environment with high expectations and rigorous instruction aligned with California State Standards, preparing them for college and careers.

  Goal 2: Highly qualified, culturally proficient, and responsive staff will create a safe and engaging learning environment, respectful of all students' backgrounds, ensuring they are college and career-ready upon graduation.

  Goal 3: Families and community members will be informed, engaged, and empowered as partners with MDUSD to support student learning and improve student outcomes.

  Goal 4: Focal student groups—including African American students, Foster Youth, students experiencing homelessness, students with IEPs, and multilingual students—will experience culturally responsive practices and rigorous instruction in an environment that fosters trust and inclusive partnerships between students, families, and staff.

  Goal 5: By June 2026, all students at Crossroads High School and Olympic High School will demonstrate a 6% increase in attendance rates and on-track graduation rates, contributing to a 6% increase in overall graduation rates.

  Beginning the process of updating our LCAP, we ask that you consider the needs and experiences of your students and families, then reflect on the broader needs of your school community, and how we can incorporate your insights and feedback into our LCAP.

- **College & Career Readiness**

  Heather Fontanilla, Director of College & Career Readiness – College Now at DVC

  Early College Credit offers students a chance to be college and career ready. Research indicates that students who earn at least 6 college credits during high school have higher graduation

rates, are more likely to directly enroll in a 4-year university, and are more likely to be full-time college students. Most importantly, they demonstrate greater college persistence and are more likely to earn a degree.

Career Readiness: Our district partnered with the California Colleges Guidance Initiative, a free program sponsored by the state, to support students in grades 6-12. Research shows that the earlier students start thinking about careers, the more successful they are in high school.

Career Pathways: Each of our high schools offers various career pathways, including Art, Media & Entertainment, Building & Construction Trades, Education, Child Development & Family Services, Engineering & Architecture, Health Science & Medical Technology, Hospitality, Tourism & Recreation, Information & Communication Technologies, and Transportation. For middle schools, we offer pathway-like classes and seek opportunities to connect them with high school programs.

- **Information and Technology, Robert Sidford, Director of Technology and Innovation**

  Erin Vallejo, Educational Technology Coordinator

  Our department is integral to the district's technology infrastructure, ensuring seamless learning experiences for students, faculty, and staff. Although much of our work happens behind the scenes, it plays a crucial role in areas like Information Security, Cybersecurity, and Physical Security to protect sensitive data.

  We use a tiered support model, where IT support specialists are the first point of contact, escalating issues as needed. Standardization is also key, especially as we modernize our network across schools to ensure consistency in technology and network services.

  Current projects include the development of a Strategic Technology Plan to align IT work with the district's educational goals, and the implementation of Promethean interactive panels in classrooms.

  The department is also working on a Network Refresh project to upgrade outdated infrastructure.

  A key consideration in our work is Education Specifications (Ed Specs), which guide the design of teaching and learning spaces, emphasizing flexibility. Wireless capacity is prioritized over wired connections, reducing costs and allowing for greater flexibility in classrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Future Meeting Dates:
- April 22, 2025
- May 27, 2025