



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council (D.A.C.)
Meeting Notes



Wednesday, October 23, 2024

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

District Office Board Rooms 1-3

Ernest Gonzalez, Superintendent of School in Orange Unified School District, welcomed everyone to the first District Advisory Council meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Gonzalez thanked everyone for their attendance.

Topics Discussed:

Strategic Plan- Ernest Gonzalez/Superintendent of Schools

- Mr. Gonzalez explained that the current Strategic Plan for Orange Unified School District is in its last year. It is a five-year plan that not only details OUSD's Vision and Mission but also serves as a guiding principle.
- He discussed our core values of integrity, equity, respect and excellence and how as a district we celebrate our employees, including employee of the month and OUSD's coin challenge.
- Mr. Gonzalez discussed how important is to receive input from representatives from different District groups, including, DELAC, PTSA, COC, OUPSF, and DAC. DAC representatives were invited to be part of our Strategic Initiatives, if they are interested. Information will be shared via DAC email with all representatives once additional information is available.

Student Enrollment- Sulema Holguin/Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- Sulema Holguin presented a graph on the enrollment decline trend across Orange Unified School District. She further discussed that less students equates to less money for the district. She further explained that what drives our district funding is our enrollment.
- Mrs. Holguin discussed how the district, specifically Business Services, will continue to monitor enrollment numbers. OUSD has lost approximately 300 students this school year.
- There are several impacting reasons for our declined enrollment in the state of California, including a decrease in birth rates and how expensive it can be living in California.

Measure S Video- Sulema Holguin/Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- Measure S has enhanced our facilities at all comprehensive High Schools. Sulema Holguin gave some background on the measure approved in 2016.
- She also announced that Orange High School will be celebrating a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new administrative building.

Community Schools - Dr. Sandy Schaffer/Administrator, Accountability, Equity & School Support

- Dr. Sandy Schaffer encouraged to view last Board meeting to see an in more depth presentation on Community Schools. The link to the video has been provided to all DAC Representatives.
- She explained Community Schools' Vision and Mission. What drives Community Schools is to establish community centers that become the heart of the community where students, families and community members are embraced as full partners in all aspects of the decision-making process.
- She further explained that a site does not have to be an official Community School to use the services/support of Community School resources.

LCAP Survey Overview- Christina Lin/Executive Director/Educational Technology & Student

- Dr. Christina Lin started her presentation by informing our DAC Representatives that the LCAP Survey window opens October 28 and closes January 17, 2025.
- She further explained that the district values the input received from staff and parents but especially our students. DAC Representatives encouraged using incentives to promote more participation.
- At the end of Dr. Lin's presentation, DAC Representatives were given time to complete the LCAP Survey using the QR code provided. The links were shared via email.

Closing Remarks: Anne Truex/Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Anne Truex thanked everyone for their participation, introduced Ed. Services Executive Directors and explained their role as DAC Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22, 2025