



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



Wednesday, January 22, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
District Office Board Rooms 1-3

Dr. Matthew Witmer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, welcomed everyone to the first District Advisory Council meeting of 2025 and introduced Michael Christensen as the Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Unified School District. Mr. Christensen emphasized the significance of this council and expressed gratitude to the site representatives for their time and dedication. He encouraged input on teacher-parent communication, highlighting that many sites currently use various software platforms. While acknowledging the pros and cons of a potential district-wide software purchase, he shared that the district plans to begin discussions with administrators and site leaders.

Topics Discussed:

LCAP- Dr. Sandy Schaffer and Dr. Christina Lin/Educational Services

- Dr. Sandy Schaffer presented the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) presentation and introduced the 2024-27 plan cycle, focusing on promoting student achievement, effective communication, engagement, wellness, and maintaining high-quality education.
- The LCAP aligns with California's eight state priorities and the California School Dashboard goals. Updates include new actions like site equity funding through the Equity Multiplier and specific support for English learners. The district aims to address these priorities by leveraging data, input, and new funding initiatives. Key actions have been adjusted to reflect current needs, emphasizing equitable learning and student success.
- Dr. Christina Lin provided an update on the increased survey participation across various groups, with staff participation exceeding expectations (107.54%), family participation at 64.83%, and smaller increases among elementary (13.63%) and secondary students (15.81%). These results reflect a growing engagement from educational partners.
- The next steps involve analyzing survey data to identify trends, equity considerations, and alignment with LCAP goals. Results will be shared in future meetings for further feedback. Based on this input, the district will revise goals, set new priorities, and collaborate with advisory committees like DAC and DELAC.
- Finally, the LCAP will be updated to include measurable outcomes and resource allocations. The district plans to host public hearings and gather additional input before finalizing the plan. Implementation will focus on consistent communication, monitoring progress, and making adjustments as needed to ensure alignment with stakeholder needs and goals.

OUSD Showcases- Dr. Kenneth Miller/Educational Services

- Dr. Kenneth Miller highlighted the OUSD Showcases, emphasizing the importance of engaging local businesses through effective marketing strategies.
- He shared that over 300 families have completed interest forms, and each has been personally contacted to schedule a tour or address their questions.
- Additionally, he discussed the district's partnership with the Los Angeles Angels baseball team as a key initiative to promote OUSD.

Enrollment, Open Enrollment & Interdistrict Transfers- Mr. Heriberto Angel/Educational Services

- Heriberto Angel provided a detailed explanation of the enrollment process, including open enrollment and interdistrict transfers, highlighting the differences between each.
- He also shared that over 1,300 interdistrict transfers are processed annually.
- A site representative suggested that parents completing open enrollment receive a receipt to confirm their request, noting that no confirmation is currently provided.

Closing Remarks- Dr. Matthew Witmer/ Educational Services

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Matthew Witmer thanked everyone for their participation, reminded everyone about the next meeting and also notified all site representatives that staff would remain seated to ask any questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025