

PAC – Minutes
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Welcome

Maiyer Vang

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Housekeeping

1st District FLA Nov 12th, 5:30-7:30pm

Gave instructions and a demonstration on how to use the microphones on the table

Thankful for Parent University staff and Dr. Chiarito for their support

Acknowledgement of Hybrid parents

Hybrid Parent – Rosie Puentes from Yokomi Elementary

Shoutout to all HS Students present / Educators, and parents present

Maiyer Vang provided her personal contact information.

PAC Norms – Maiyer Vang had each table read one of the norms

Explained a little about the next meeting's guest

Call to Order

Chair - Chris Dowdy from Edison High School

Roll Call was done at sign-in and registration

Approval of agenda

Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary asked to extend the Public Comments schedule by 5 minutes.

Chair - Chris Dowdy from Edison High School will do his best to give him more time if necessary

Motion to approve the agenda by Steven Vasquez from Pyle Elementary, 2nd by Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary

Approval of Previous Minutes

Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary asked to have her name corrected and spelled correctly moving forward. Her name does not have an accent.

Motion to approve minutes made by Julie Wong from Bullard High School - 2nd by Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP Updates)

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Ashlee Chiarito – LCAP Plan

Went over the purpose of the LCAP & the PAC

Liz Cole from Ewing Elementary- When does LCAP get approved?

Ashlee Chiarito - It goes to the board in June for a hearing and gets approved in the 2nd meeting of June.

Liz Cole from Ewing Elementary/Computech Middle School- once adopted, does that become the focus of the incoming year?

Ashlee Chiarito - The summary now, I'm speaking to you about the current year plan. Decides how to plan for the next school year. At the future meeting, we reiterate those from the public hearing. June 17 is the adoption date of the LCAP & budget.

Rosie Puentes from Yokomi Elementary/Edison High School – When approving the budget, are parents on committees to counter the board? They want to line up their pockets first before the kids.

Ashlee Chiarito - Board members are elected by their constituents in their area, as you represent your area in the PAC. Your feedback for the LCAP at the board meeting is important to hear.

Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary - Is there a way we can voice opinions on programs that ended, for example, the 30 minutes of extra time taken away from students?

Ashlee Chiarito - The superintendent has Community Engagement Meetings to brainstorm, and it is a good opportunity for parents to have those conversations.

I would like to get through the presentation to honor your time. I have about 30mins, and I know we have elections tonight.

Climate Survey

Steven Vasques from Pyle Elementary– There are no questions on this survey about SPED, so how am I supposed to give feedback if there are no questions on SPED if there's nothing?

Ashlee Chiarito - provided contact info for SPED and her staff, as well as Let's Talk

Questions

Liz Cole from Ewing Elementary/Computech Middle School- Who does the checks & balances for the board?

Ashlee Chiarito - For the LCAP, the board checks & balances each other; they have to get to a majority for the budget. It goes to them in June, but we start talking about it in January/February and get it approved in June. Not just feedback, it's also based off of student metrics and other items.

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Liz Cole from Ewing Elementary/Computech Middle School- (Board) approved a raise for themselves when programs are getting cuts. Where do we go for that?

Ashlee Chiarito - You can go to the board meeting for that, just like here, you have a public opinion, you will have that there as well.

{Virtual Participant}

Rosie Puentes from Yokomi Elementary/Edison High School – Thank you, Ashlee. The Climate & Culture survey can be made to be relatable to students. They don't understand it, and the language that is being used. I don't believe they really understand what that means.

(Check & Balances)- We're being told they listen to us, but they still do what they want (the board). Is there any way they can do a district-wide message, they're going to vote for a raise for themselves when there are kids struggling

Ashlee Chiarito - Climate & Culture survey language for students is a little different for students according to grade level, as well as for families district worked throughout the summer to have it ready. Will work with Maiyer Vang to have The PAC speak at different board meetings so that you can express those feelings. Will bring that information to you at the next meeting

Liz Rocha, from McCardle Elementary- 3 questions Superintendent Misty Her was scheduling sessions to meet with the schools – are families being invited to those?

Ashlee Chiarito - Right now she's focusing on teacher sessions. The superintendent is at every board meeting

Safety- I see in your line items, it doesn't seem like you're asking the students or families about safety. I see windows that don't close.

Ashlee Chiarito - If that is not addressed at your site, address the supervisor of the school or contact me. I can support you with that

Liz Rocha, from McCardle Elementary- Focus groups – who is being invited, PTA, SSC I haven't gotten any invitations when are they happening because I'm not getting those.

Ashlee Chiarito - Some school sites choose the parents, some schools sent out messages; if you would like to be more a part of those groups, contact Miguel Vega. 1st week in Nov. This is a pilot year. He's in my office who is coordinating those meetings with the schools.

Liz Rocha, from McCardle Elementary- My concern is, who I need to talk to address my concerns.

Ashlee Chiarito - Please contact Miguel Vega. Focus Groups are not meant to be a lot of families from one school. Miguel Vega will provide you with info

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Angela Villa, from Ewing Elementary – My daughter has to eat fast and leave the cafeteria, breaks are related to mental health students need more time outside, so when your pushing the kids out, that affect their learning and will affect their future.

Ashlee Chiarito - As parent I agree. Longer passing periods, longer lunch periods, a little more time for mental breaks. My kid is a slow eater too I agree. Even an extra 10 mins seems like you care right now it seems like you don't.

Julie Wong, from Bullard High School– I've asked this question about 10 years in a row. Whose choosing these questions over the years asked about food initiative to hire chefs no water fountain in Calwa or in my school, where's the equal representation. I feel welcome at my school. An elementary involvement teacher makes you feel welcome, but the office staff might not. Middle school students, the bathrooms sink don't work or they're a mess, does my student feel safe at school, No, but there no gathering of why

Ashlee Chiarito - Purpose of the questions, if the majority of the students are saying they don't feel safe at school then they will look into that.

One thing you can do is go to LET'S Talk and express your concerns that will get directed to several depts or you can communicate with myself or Maiyer to help start the conversation.

Vice Chair - Christopher De La Cerda from Design Science – Year 2-3 funding from the state there's decline in the funds, Prop 28 state going into reserves, how will it affect those programs – Supplemental funding designated low income comes from Medicaid or SNAP with all the changes in Federal Programs & ppl get pushed off, how is the district going to address those issues. Plus low attendance.

Ashlee Chiarito - End of LCAP year 3. Helping provide feedback of the end of this cycle. Budget cuts that will be cutting make as many cuts that's possible away form the school sites for example teachers will not get cuts to contracts and vendors to save money. Attendance is also low which also affects budgets We need to get back to pre-pandemic. Attendance cuts 30million. We need the money for our students and for our kids. Since our students that are designated in those areas. There are other ways to capture that info not just federal but also State Confidential Family Survey. That helps us capture information to support funding

Virtual

Michelle Pacheco, from Kratt Elementary – You said that Superintendent Misty Her is doing teacher listening sessions. Why aren't parents being invited? All we get is, fill out this survey, we'll get the money and we'll figure out how to spend it. When does that money come back to us. Sound like our concerns are being crossed out

Rosie Puentes , from Yokomi Elementary- My student got covid, I called the school to inform them to let the teacher know and was told that he can still attend school including having lice. Is that correct?

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Ashlee Chiarito - We can get back to you on that question. Please provide me with your contact info.

Rosie Puentes from Yokomi Elementary- Because of budget cuts, the pathways are getting removed BioMeds got pulled student had Physics and was sent to EVS. When we were told they would have that specific class. It feels like, who's listening to the parents? Is there a FUSD website where we can express those frustrations

Kristen Maroot, from Computech Middle School - An expert on lice – lice rules have changed, before, if a student had eggs or bugs you had to send the kids home it changed a year ago, if you saw bugs you sent them home, now, if you see bugs, student can stay until the end of the day and then you get a note sent home.

LVN from Gibson Elementary – COVID treated as a sick call. If they have symptoms but no fever, they can come to school

Nick Vang from Pyle Elementary- What sort of investments do you have? My child is in an after-school program. Is there any investments going into afterschool programs as well as the food at the school going to waste. So my question is, will there be funding for improvements? Safety at my kid's school has crosswalk issues. I know there are funding issues for staff for the crosswalk.

Ashlee Chiarito - All schools receive funding for crosswalks. There are strict guidelines to feed students and some of that we can't change but the district is working on making them better. Funding for lunches is not money that can be used in these funds we're talking about, but I know they are talking about that.

The guide is available for you, or you can find it on the district website. And shows the spending in the district.

Chair - Chris Dowdy from Edison High School, 4th year on the PAC – Many comments tonight have been comments we've talked about in the past. To speak at the board meeting, you must arrive by a certain time to register to be able to speak. I waited too long at one meeting that I left. Parents feel like they aren't being heard. We feel like the district wants to hear us, but from over there in the corner. I was really impressed and pleased by Superintendent Her when she was present at our last PAC Meeting.

Maiyer Vang-

- Introduction of Parent University staff
- Review the Role of the PAC Bylaws – Maiyer
- Code of Conduct
- Values
- Membership
- Meeting Criteria

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Irma Cortes, from Roeding Elementary – Why are the parents not getting the information about the meetings? I'm new to the SSC, and I've been having issues getting the information. I got the information about this meeting by looking for it on the website. I heard in the meeting today that there is a lack of representation. How do we as parents get the information for these meetings? How do the parents get the information when it seems so hard to get the information

Maiyer Vang- explained the process. Parent University has been calling since September. Your school principal is who is responsible for distributing that information.

Irma Cortes, from Roeding Elementary - I'm here today. I provided my info. Will I get a call for the next meeting?

Maiyer Vang– Yes, we will call everyone who is here tonight. We will also call your site to provide us with the names of their reps.

PAC Overview- Board Recognitions –Maiyer

- Secretary -Hugo Morales
- Vice Chair – Christopher De La Cerda
- Chair -Chris Dowdy

Nominations for New PAC Board –

Motion to open nominations by 1st Chris Dowdy from Edison High School. 2nd by Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary

Nominations for Chair:

- *Christopher de la Cerda from Design Science High School (25 votes)- Winner*
- *Angel Ponce, student from Sunnyside High School (6 votes)*
- *Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary (13 votes)*

Motion to close nominations – Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary, 2nd by Julie Wong, from Bullard High School

Nominations & Speeches...

Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary- Daughter TK give Del Mar the respect it needs I want to make sure they have a voice and bring the community to the table. It's important that everyone feels they have a spot at the table (repeated in Spanish)

Angel Ponce, student from Sunnyside High School- Involved in school, but wants to be involved in the community. I want to do something at these meetings.

Vice Chair - Christopher De La Cerda from Design Science – Educator, former board member, has been in education for a long time. It was always important to hear the voice of the parents and students we work with, whether I'm a chair/parent, it's all the same for me. We have that

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voice for our children. I will always advocate for our students, parents, and schools. Everyone, please continue to be advocates for your schoolchildren, grandchildren, and foster children. I'd be honored to do it again.

Motion to close voting 1st Julie Wong from Bullard High School, 2nd by Veronica Ochoa from Bakman Elementary

Motion to open Nominations for Vice Chair; 1st Julie Wong from Bullard High School, 2nd by Veronica Ochoa from Bakman Elementary

Nominations & Speeches...

- Kristen Maroot nominated – Angel Ponce, student from Sunnyside High School, SSC chair this year, appointed to attend parent meetings. I want to learn more about PAC. I hate our bathrooms and lunches my bathroom has no door. I want to make changes in my community but only if you allow me.
- Liz Cole nominated – Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary: -Parent at Del Mar TK, student at Del Mar again, I want to involve my community very important to have students as well
- Julie Wong nominated – Julie Wong from Bullard High School: Parent at Bullard, Sped student at Bullard, member of PAC since Hugo started 11 years ago. Very familiar with PAC, former vice chair
- Julie Wong nominated - Allison Coronado, student from Design Science High School: I want to focus on college applications. I want to support my community. I work with Christopher De La Cerda. I would be a good choice, but there are very good candidates. Thank you for listening

Motion to close Nominations for Vice Chair 1st Veronica Ochoa from Bakman Elementary 2nd Andrea Loren from Wishon Elementary

- *Winner: Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary*

Motion to open Nominations for Secretary voting 1st Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary, 2nd Julie Wong from Bullard High School

Motion to close Nominations for Secretary 1st Veronica Ochoa from Bakman Elementary, 2nd Andrea Loren from Wishon Elementary

Nominations & Speeches...

- Julie Wong from Bullard High School- I appreciate the nomination; I really want to give my vote to one of the kids
- Allison Coronado, student from Design Science High School- Hi again, I forgot to mention I was also a Senior. I went to Bakman. One of the parents mentioned that their child does not have enough time to eat. I remember the same thing happened to me, and I

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remember my mom being very involved. I would be a good choice to advocate for your child since I'm still in that position

- Angel Ponce, student from Sunnyside High School- 3rd time is a charm, vote for me or not, it's ok. I know how to stay organized, and I am in AVID
- Liz Rocha, from McCardle Elementary- Farber Continuation School SSC, PTA, SPED Board history, coming with grandchildren

Motion to open voting, 1st Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary, 2nd by Andrea Loren, from Wishon Elementary

Motion to close voting, 1st Eileen Giron from Greenberg Elementary, 2nd by Veronica Ochoa, from Bakman Elementary

- *Winner Allison Coronado, student from Design Science High School*

Announcement and pictures of new officers

SPED Announcement

Del Mar Trunk or Treat

Next meeting – December 18, 2025-(Reschedule for January 15, 2026)

Motion to close meeting: 1st Steven Vasquez from Pyle Elementary, 2nd Enoch Oliva from Del Mar Elementary