

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Summary

February 17, 2026 | 5:30–7:00 PM

District Representatives: Samantha Allen, Adam Clark, Debra Mason, Christina Filios, Linda Mayo, Melanie Koslow, Alex Emmott

1. Welcome & LCAP Overview – Samantha Allen, Chief of Educational Services

- The district’s guiding document is the LCAP, which aligns with site plans and focuses on closing achievement gaps.
 - Emphasis on “All means All,” with targeted support for students through Goals 4 and 5 (academic and social-emotional growth).
 - Ongoing partnership with the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to support district improvement efforts.
 - District leadership remains accessible to families for questions and site-specific concerns.
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2. District Updates – Superintendent, Dr. Adam Clark

- Layoff Notices: Due to legal requirements, March 15 notices must now include classified staff. PTA/Foundation-funded positions must have committed funding or employees must be notified. We follow the same timeline with our administrators
 - Probationary Employees: Teachers serve two probationary years before permanent status.
 - Enrollment & Budget:
 - District enrollment is currently flat. Although many districts are facing declining enrollment there has been an increase in Transitional Kinder and Kindergarten enrollment in MDUSD resulting in a flat enrollment overall.
 - MDUSD is deficit spending; 90% of expenditures go toward salaries/benefits (target is ~78%).
 - Difficult decisions ahead regarding programs, staffing, and alignment across MDUSD schools.
 - Student Walkouts: Occurring primarily at high schools. The district is not preventing walkouts.
 - Lifetouch Concerns: No confirmed data breach. District adheres to strict FERPA guidelines and vendor vetting processes. Parents may opt out of school photography.
 - Fiscal will present at upcoming meetings regarding district finances.
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3. Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) – Director Alexandra Emmott

- Serves ~27,000 meals daily across 55 schools (4.5 million meals last year, 23% increase since 2022–23).
- Universal Meals provides one free breakfast and lunch daily; second meals create negative balances (collection began Feb. 1, 2026).
- 80% of produce is local; 40% organic.

- 100% compostable packaging implemented (Aug. 2024).
 - Five strategic goals include facility modernization, expanding scratch cooking, investing in staff, increasing local/BIPOC procurement, and reducing waste.
 - Expanded snack and supper programs at 25 schools.
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4. Maintenance, Operations & Facilities – Melanie Koslow

- Supports safe, clean, and functional campuses districtwide.
 - Key areas:
 - Maintenance (HVAC, plumbing, repairs)
 - Landscaping
 - Custodial operations
 - Security operations
 - Pest control
 - Facilities construction & modernization
 - Workplace safety compliance
 - Volunteer project oversight
 - Civic Center facility use permits
 - Special project/site improvement requests
 - Emphasis on safety compliance, preventative maintenance, and supporting school site needs.
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Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 17, 2026
- April 28, 2026
- May 19, 2026