



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

February 9, 2016

The role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to represent parent voices and perspectives to inform Board of Education policy discussions and decisions. This report provides an update on the PAC's work with the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Task force and other planned activities.

Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Data Review

On January, 27th 2016 **SFUSD LCAP Task Force** hosted a special event, ***Telling the Story Behind the Numbers: Making Sense of District Data***. This mid-year "**Data Review**" was organized to look at metrics identified in the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to see where our district is making progress toward its goals, discuss strategies that are supporting student success and identify work needed to improve student outcomes.

Jill Hoogendyk, Chief of SFUSD Strategic Initiatives, contextualized the evening by providing an overview **of the SFUSD's strategic approach to its work**. She helped make the connections among the **LCAP, the district's goals, its Strategic Plan and the School Quality Improvement Index**.

Over 60 parents, community members and district staff participated in this event. Many district leaders, who oversee various programs and services identified in the LCAP, explained how their work supports student outcomes and relates to the data points reflected in the plan. In turn, parents and community members had a chance to respond with questions, comments and concerns about what they were seeing.

This event was intended to support greater transparency and accountability around how data informs the allocation of student supports, interventions and resources. Additionally, it provided an opportunity to model the practice of what we expect school sites to do during the Balanced Scorecard process- look at their student data to inform the development of their academic plans and budgets for the next school year. This understanding and connection is essential for parents to be able to meaningfully engage in the development of the Balanced Scorecard at their schools.

The LCAP mid-year data review was also a chance to reflect on how our district's progress might inform the development of this year's LCAP community engagement campaign. A small group from the LCAP Task Force is working to summarize the key takeaways of the evening, as part of this process, and to gain a clear understanding of what the data is telling us.

Community Conversations on the Local Control and Accountability Plan

The PAC is currently working with our community and district partners from the LCAP Task Force to develop the LCAP outreach campaign for this year. We have identified a list of potential school sites and community organizations to hold the conversations and are finalizing the content to share, and developing the discussion prompts and guides to lead conversations to gather input for this year's annual update of the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Update on the Development of the SFUSD Family Engagement Plan

At the next PAC meeting on Wednesday, February 17th, Mele Lau-Smith, Executive Director of School Partnerships, will provide an update on the district's process for developing a Strategic Family Engagement Plan and support for implementing the SFUSD Family Engagement Standards. In addition, we also invited President Matthew Haney, Vice President Shamann Walton and Commissioner Rachel Norton to meet with the PAC following Ms. Lau-Smith's presentation to discuss improving the channels of communications with our families.

The PAC is committed to working with district staff, our labor and community partners as well board commissioners to explore existing systems and structures at school sites, in particular, to improve home-school communication. We believe this is a high leverage strategy for improving better student outcomes. As we shared in our December report, a consistent concern parents vocalize is that they are not alerted early enough when their children are struggling academically and are often informed too late to provide adequate interventions to have a positive impact. Home-school communication requires a school-wide approach with support for teachers and other site staff to work together to ensure a timely, consistent and collaborative approach to fostering two-way communication with families.

PAC Recruitment and Outreach

The PAC is actively recruiting new members for next school year 2016-2017. We will have six seats open at the end of June 2016. Applications are available on our website in English, Spanish and Chinese at www.pacsf.org and are due by Friday, April 15, 2016.

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