



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

October 13, 2015

The role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to represent parent voices and perspectives to inform Board of Education policy discussions. This report outlines the PAC's priorities for this school year, our process for developing action plans for these initiatives, and promotes the SFUSD's Third Annual Family Empowerment Conference.

Priorities for the PAC in 2015-2016

In order to set the PAC's priorities for 2015-2016, PAC members looked at student achievement data, the current demographics of the district, and the population trends of San Francisco. In addition, we studied the student profiles for those qualifying for special education services and the free and reduced lunch program. We also revisited the priorities that Superintendent Carranza highlighted at the first PAC meeting of the school year, as well as our own priorities from last year, and new areas of interest that PAC members identified.

PAC members also considered how and where the work of the PAC might have the greatest impact in bringing parents' questions, concerns and ideas about the major changes taking place in the district, specifically, and our city as whole, to better prepare our students for the 21st Century and close the gaps in achievement and opportunity.

As a result of this process, the PAC established the following priorities to engage families and represent parent perspectives for the 2015-2016 school year:

- **Advocate** for the development, adoption and implementation of a **Strategic Family Engagement Plan**, to support the Sixth Strategy of Student Success, which is to increase awareness and build the **supports necessary to fully implement SFUSD's seven Family Engagement Standards**.

The **family engagement standards are identified** as **one of SFUSD's Six Strategies for Success** in *Impact Learning. Impact Lives*, the district's Strategic Plan 2013-2015. However, currently there are no indicators to measure their success and no strategic plan to guide their implementation. A coherent family engagement plan, with a concrete timeline and adequate resources to support its implementation, are crucial for family engagement to truly be an effective strategy to support student success in SFUSD.

- **Strengthen the Redesign of Special Education Services** to be more inclusive in practice, especially **expanding access** to high-quality **after school programs for students receiving special education services** and supporting the **development of a post IEP** (Individualized Education Plan) **family survey to evaluate what is working well and identify areas for improvement.**
- **Advocate for Racial Equity**, especially in the delivery of Special Education Services, the implementation of Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative, and the African American Achievement and Leadership Initiative.
- **Strengthen the implementation of the Lau Plan**, supporting programs and services for English Language Learners, especially increased access to district information in their home language.
- **Continue our work on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**, in particular actively participating on the LCAP Task Force and reaching out to families through a community engagement campaign **to inform the annual update and the overall LCAP process.**
- **Support the work of the Our Children, Our Families Council**, which is a joint initiative between SFUSD and the Mayor's Office of the City and County of San Francisco, **with an outreach campaign** to inform the development of a five-year plan to help children, youth and families in San Francisco thrive and succeed. Our efforts will **focus on families that have historically been underserved and whose children attend public schools.**

Developing Action Plans

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, October 21st. PAC members will continue establishing project teams, and in turn, develop specific goals and action plans for the PAC's work in these areas. Project goals will be reviewed and approved by the entire council.

PAC members will meet with district staff, community partners and Board of Education Commissioners to support our efforts to engage families, identify ways to collaborate, and address how best to bring parent perspectives to the discussion, and inform and strengthen these key initiatives.

SFUSD 3rd Annual Family Empowerment Conference

This Saturday, October 17th SFUSD will host its Third Annual Family Empowerment Conference at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School from 9am-2pm. This one-day conference is co-sponsored by the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC), Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education, and the District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC).

The PAC has been working with the Office of Family and Community Engagement and other community partners to support the planning, coordination, and outreach for this conference. PAC members will be co-facilitating a couple of workshops and hosting an information outreach table at this event.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided in addition to interpretation and childcare services. Participants are encouraged to pre-register to ensure adequate staffing for childcare. For more information about this event, please consult the SFUSD website.

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