



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

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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 a brief update on the PAC's activities over the past month.

Welcome New Commissioners

The PAC welcomes newly elected Commissioners Alison Collins and Gabriela Lopez to the Board of Education. We hope to meet with them soon, and look forward to working with them to serve our students and families.

Student Nutritional Services

In late December PAC members met with Jennifer LeBarre, Executive Director, and Noelia Oropeza, Engagement Manager, from Student Nutritional Services (SNS). They provided a general overview of the department, including the number of meals they serve each day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We also discussed what is working and areas for improvement.

PAC members shared concerns we have heard related to the quality of food, the vending machines, and students leaving campus to go to corner stores to buy unhealthy food. In turn, we learned about the actions the department is taking to improve food services and the overall dining experience for SFUSD students by:

- Addressing the aesthetics of the cafeterias
- Expanding freshly prepared meals at five school sites
- Listening to students' feedback, which resulted in 20 new recipes this year
- Emphasizing local food purchasing
- Upgrading facilities and working to create a central kitchen by 2028

We are encouraged by the efforts Student Nutritional Services is taking to improve its services.

Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

At our PAC meeting last week on Wednesday, January 9th Janna Cordeiro, the PAC appointee to the Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC), joined us to give an update on the committee's work, and to share the proposed budget recommendations for the revenue generated by the purchase of sugary drinks in San Francisco.

The highlights that pertain to SFUSD in the SDDTAC proposed 2018-2019 budget are as follows:

- \$4,545,000 in grants would go to Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for programs in health education, physical activity, food access, and media/awareness campaigns. **SFUSD would distribute \$728,000 of this amount to CBOs** to support these services.
- \$2,500,000 in grants would go to SFUSD and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to **support the quality of school meals, nutrition education, and student-led efforts to decrease the consumption of sugary drinks while increasing water intake and access.** These funds would also **support oral health in schools** and the **one-time installation of refilling stations in schools** and the **purchase of refillable water bottles.**

Ms. Cordeiro also shared budget recommendations from students at John O'Connell High School based on a research project they conducted about the science of sugar, its impact on the development of diabetes, and how to prevent it. The students gathered input from their peers to identify priorities and develop recommendations about how to use the tax money. Their solutions included ideas to increase school food consumption, nutrition education, physical activity, and water access to help prevent diabetes.

Attendance Inquiry

Representatives from the PAC and other district advisories are participating in the newly formed District-Wide Attendance Workgroup. This group will help develop a plan to support and improve student attendance across the district. The group held its first meeting on January 8th and will convene six more working sessions over the next few months. Participants of this workgroup will help conduct listening sessions to ensure the development of the plan is informed by diverse stakeholders.

Alida Fisher, the workgroup representative for the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, attended the PAC meeting last week to lead a listening session with PAC members. In addition to providing feedback to the community engagement prompts, PAC members generated a list of community partners whose voices are important to capture during this process, such as the Truancy Assessment and Resource Center (TARC). We are excited about the purpose of this group and working toward solutions to address SFUSD attendance issues.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Stakeholder Engagement

Members of the LCAP Task Force have started to discuss stakeholder engagement for this school year, to help inform SFUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Some initial context for this year is that we have a new governor, three new Board of Education Commissioners (soon a forth), and the LCAP for next year will be the first year of a new three-year cycle. This year also marks the sixth year of LCAP community engagement. We will continue to build upon the work we have done up to this point, and hope to take it to the next level. We will share more about this work in the future.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, or the PAC's work in general, please contact the PAC at (415) 355-2201, or at pac@sfusd.edu.

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