

LAUSD Parent Advisory Committee

Chairperson's Report

February 15, 2024

Hello, colleagues:

All eight of our subcommittees met for the second time on Friday, January 26th. We have seven permanent or *standing* subcommittees plus the new Title I Ad Hoc Subcommittee. As always, I heard many enthusiastic, rich conversations. We will be receiving updates a bit later today from our colleagues who chair these groups. The next round of subcommittee meetings is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, February 16th, from 10:00 to 1:00. I hope to see even more of you there.

As the result of a motion adopted at our January 18th meeting, we will now see funding amounts allocated and spent on each LCAP Goal and each Action within that Goal in our presentations. This information should give us insight on the relative costs of various services that are offered by LAUSD and also a better understanding of how these services to students fit into the bigger picture. If you aren't sure what something on a slide means, or how it relates to something else, please feel free to bring this up. As we know, the only "dumb" question is the one you *don't* ask.

An issue which has afflicted our Committee for the past several years now is low attendance among Foster Youth members. Beginning last year our Bylaws were revised to allow the Student Support Programs office, which works directly with foster families, to recruit, train, and send us new members. Unfortunately, what was intended as an experiment, begun in the hope of strengthening interest in this member category, appears to have failed for one or more unknown reasons. As this report was written, seven of the 12 Foster Youth positions, and all four alternate spots, are vacant. Clearly that is *not* the result we had hoped for, and the time has now come to consider other ways of lifting up the Foster Youth voice, one of three 'targeted student populations' in the LCAP. Changes to this process will be reviewed by our Bylaws Subcommittee.

Since SFACE declined to translate into Spanish the two reports I mentioned last month on LCFF and LCAP, "[*Realizing the Promise of LCFF*](#)" and "[*More to Be Done*](#)," you can click on these titles to read the reports yourself. Watch for an invitation soon on outside presentations of both reports.

My favorite Maya Angelou quote is: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you *know* better, *do* better." This statement applies to student achievement *and* family engagement.

At your service,

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