

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement  
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Thursday, January 18, 2024,  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**II. Flag Salute:**

South Region Volunteers, Summer Wheaton, and Anna Carrion.

**III. Public Comments:**

Madam Parliamentarian directed the public comments. Mr. Juan José addressed the membership.

**IV. Review of Materials:**

Dr. Amber Marie Irving reviewed the materials for the meeting, with the members.

- Agenda
  - Minutes
  - Chairperson's Report
  - PLCAP Presentation
  - SFACE Administrator's Report
- Fundamental Documents  
List of vacant membership

**V. Roll Call and Establishing Quorum:**

Roll call was conducted and quorum was established at 10:44 a.m., with 38 members and alternates present.

**VI. Action Item**

Review and approval of the December 7, 2023, minutes.

The minutes of December 7 were sent to the SFACE staff on the day that had been agreed upon with the staff of this office. Days later, the assistant secretary was called to ask if everything was properly corrected, and it was noted that there was information that was not written in the document in the manner it had been written by the secretarial assistant. It was determined to work on them again with the purpose of including the correct information and sending it to translations, but it was not possible to translate them on time.

Member Yolande Beckles made the first motion to maintain item VI on the table to review and approve the minutes for December 7, 2023, and for SFACE staff to put in writing because they were not able to translate on time.

Mrs. Karla Franco second the motion.

Discussion was opened to members on the motion, and it was voted on. The motion passed with 32 members in favor, 0 oppositions and 4 abstentions.

### **VII. Chairperson's report:**

The Chair informed the members that our subcommittees met on Friday, December 15 in their first 1-hour sessions.

He also asked board appointees to please give their board members detailed updates on what our PAC committee is doing.

He also expressed that the members and EI, have concerns about troubling situations that are getting in the way of our full collaboration with the staff of this office, (SFACE).

Such is the case that the number of dates for committee meetings was reduced without consulting the membership or its executive board.

A copy of the Chair's report document was provided to all members. Members were given time for questions and comments.

### **VIII. New Business:**

LCAP Goal 3: Commitment and Collaboration.

LCAP Administrator Mr. Erik Elward, welcomed and reminded that the direct purpose of is to develop feedback.

To understand what is happening in the district's LCAP Goal 3 and 4, some presentations were given concerning parent involvement and collaboration.

Mr. Antonio Plascencia shared that there is a lot of learning taking place in the district for parent involvement. He said that for the 2022-2023 school year, 836 schools completed the required workshops, 9 were missing information and 34 were incomplete.

Ninety-five percent (95%)

of schools met these criteria. Also, the SFACE office has hosted 28 family academy webinars with over 22,350 participants.

He explained that information is taken from these seminars, such as:

"After this meeting, did I obtain valuable information?"

Agree (88%) in school year 22-23 Agree (82%) in school year 23-24

He also reported that currently 80% of students are linked to a parent or guardian in the district application and parent portal.

Provided a link for parent assistance and resources ([achive.lausd.net](http://achive.lausd.net)).

Members were given time for questions and comments.

Member Maria Palma spoke about the public funds that LAUSD receives in total. She asked that members be provided with who has the financial information on how LCAP public funds were utilized and that, with the lack of that information, the committee is unable to make meaningful comments to the LCAP and in this way LAUSD is obstructing the legal purpose of the PAC.

Another member asked data to show data that reflects how parent academies are impacting the academic progress of LAUSD students in schools.

Ms. Maria Palma made the first motion,

~~"I, Maria Palma, make a motion for LAUSD to present to all parent committee members at each LCAP presentation and to the public, concerning how funds are spent for each goal and each action item in the LCAP, including results of each action and contact information for the responsible departments.~~

I, Maria Palma, make a motion, to cause LAUSD to present to all parent committee members on each LCAP presentation, and to the public, how funds were spent for each Goal and Action item in the LCAP, including outcomes for each Action, and contact information for the LAUSD departments responsible."

Member Yolande Beckles seconded the motion.

Time was given for discussion on the motion.

The motion passed with 29 votes in favor, with 3 abstentions and no oppositions.

### **LCAP Goal 3: Participation and Collaboration STUDENT EMPOWERMENT.**

Dr. Lorena Franco, director of the student empowerment unit, said that they currently have 6 student advisory councils in their department.

They are also working in creating 2 more councils.

With these new councils, the number of participating students has increased by 183.33%, that is almost 300, who meet every week in which students share their perspectives and give recommendations on how they can improve as a district.

Two students presented, who recounted their personal experience as they form part of this unit and the goals they have achieved by carrying out projects that have helped them become outstanding students.

Members were given time for questions and comments.

### **IX. Title I AD HOC Subcommittee:**

The Chair reported that PAC already has 7 subcommittees and that 6 of those, are currently active and that these AD HOC subcommittees must transition to a fixed committee in the bylaws.

Mr. Robak, Chairman, asked the SFACE office to send out a questionnaire for members who want to be part of the Title I AD HOC subcommittee.

**X. Student, Family, and Community Engagement Office Update:**

Members were informed that parent academies will be launched in hybrid and in-person formats.

They will organize trainings that focus on parliamentary procedures and that are led by the facilitators and Ms. Diaz.

**XII. Meeting Adjournment:**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.