

District Parent Advisory Committee
October 25, 2017
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Meeting Notes

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) serves as the conduit of information between CUSD and the individual school sites. Each PAC member is a liaison that helps disseminate information between the District and the school site.

PAC members broke up into groups for table discussions on best practices, challenges and issues. During a share out, the following points were shared:

- Parents at schools don't know about PAC; although District information gets passed out through classroom reps, newsletters, and websites, there is still no general knowledge that a parent advisory group exists;
- Too many emails already being sent by parent leadership and principal so communicating PAC info through this method is a challenge;
- Summarize information to be communicated in newsletters;
- Challenge of how to collect parent input/concerns and bring it back to PAC meetings;
- Struggle with what are members supposed to communicate from meetings to their parents;
- Having face time (i.e. PAC office hours);
- Create sub-committee at each school;
- Amplify methods already in place;
- What are the action items for PAC members when they leave the meeting -- what are the takeaways and how can the District support them;
- Opportunity to share opinion before a change occurs;
- Suggestion box, perhaps on school website;
- Be clear on purpose;
- Go where the parents are;

- Thought exchange, one issue/question at a time; as for thoughts instead of larger surveys to have open dialogue;
- Tell parents they have a say;
- Strategy driven;
- Establish parent groups/forums;
- Feeder schools to middle schools forums;
- Building a community of trust and transparency;
- Don't see a vision as to how discussion of priorities will look;
- Easier for this group to speak/communicate about District goals/priorities to community, instead of communicating LCAP or major strategic plans;
- How can PAC -- especially on campus -- be sustainable;
- Start running, shared google doc

Action Item: Set a time with your campus administrator to discuss; draft District goals and priorities.