

# Redding School District

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

4:00 – 5:00 PM

### Minutes

Present at Meeting: Stacy Gotham (Manzanita - Parent), Carla Dorsai (Cypress - Grandparent), Angelia Johnson (Cypress – Parent), Kay Pullen (Cypress – Parent), Cindy Bishop (RSD - DO), Karen Ditzler (RSD - DO)

Notes Taken by: Karen Ditzler

Meeting Called to Order by Stacy Gotham @ 4:08 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions done around the room
  - a. Discussed 'PAC Meeting Purpose and Scope' to help give a brief statement of information regarding the role of the Parent Advisory Committee
    - i. The State gives money to the District, which is tied to the LCAP plan. It requires by law that parents/stakeholders can review and have a voice regarding how the district spends the money.
2. Minutes for the October 22, 2019 meeting were handed out for review
  - a. Minutes approved by Stacy and seconded by Angelia
3. PAC – Goal setting
  - a. Discussed the current strengths and weaknesses of PAC
    - i. Weaknesses: Inconsistency of regular attendance and a very small group of participants (not all school sites are represented)
    - ii. Strengths: Some good changes have been made due to PAC meeting discussion. IE. Site LCAP Bulletin Boards at all schools, parent survey's accessible on a computer so that parents have the ability to complete during Parent Teacher conferences, as well as, being sent to parents email, and other parent engagement option have been created. IE. Parent University, which is a great place for new parents to learn about what the district is doing
  - b. Goal setting
    - i. Reviewed feedback from the last meetings; parents stated that the LCAP is intimidating and that we need relevant topics that parents want to learn about. IE. Attendance and the reason why the District is focused on Chronic Absenteeism
  - c. Strategy
    - i. Stacy thinks it's important to use the LCAP document as a guide and that Action Items could be the topics looked at. If the goal of the Parent Advisory Committee is to report to the School Board, the LCAP needs to be the focus
    - ii. Look at the possibility of creating By Law's and electing members to make them accountable for their attendance (Members are committing to participate for the school year)

- iii. Need to look at the time of the meeting and decide if a different time would get more participation (After school is very difficult for many, due to after school activities their children are in)
- iv. Other ideas, make an announcement or flyer and sign-up sheet at the Mid- Year Study session, and try to get more parents to attend the School Board meetings
- v. Stacy asked if maybe the District could put more pressure on the school principals to get more parents involved
  - 1. Discussed how the district & sites promote PAC Meetings: The District advertises on Facebook and Webpages, principals are emailed about the PAC & DAC meeting dates/times, each of the school site has a Bulletin Board with LCAP Info and Dates of Parent Advisory and District Advisory meetings. The District Superintendent started Parent University, has held parent engagement meetings at each of the sites, and this year is holding four Portrait of a Graduate meetings, which has Stakeholder involvement consisting of staff, teachers, board members, students from Redding School District and Shasta High School, as well as, community members. During these four meetings the group is looking at a shared vision of what students will need when they leave our district, high school and college to be ready and successful in this rapidly changing and complex world

#### 4. Public Comments

- a. Stacy inquired about the Parent Survey and when would it be available for parents to complete?
  - i. Cindy said that the parent Survey link was sent to each school site to be available on a site compute during Parent Teacher conferences. Also, the survey was emailed to parents (Parent Teacher conferences were held November 18<sup>th</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- b. Stacy – Commented that the Redding School District doesn't have a big parent involvement regarding the budget and wonders if other districts experience the same type of involvement?

#### 5. Important Dates

- a. Next PAC meeting: Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- b. Mid-Year Study Session: Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- c. DAC meeting: Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

#### 6. Adjourn @4:59 p.m.