

Los Angeles Unified School District 7 Parent Community Advisory Council (PCAC)
10616 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles CA 90047
Conference Rm. A
March 25th 2010 9am-11am
Local District 7 Superintendent Dr. George McKenna III

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by Mr. R. Green, Vice Chairperson of PCAC.

Flag salute done by all.

Roll Call done by Ms Peggy Nash-Jones Secretary. A quorum was established with 12 members present. Minutes read by Ms. Peggy Nash-Jones, Secretary Dr. McKenna had a correction of the minutes of 2/25/10. His quote should have been "Excellence has nothing to fear from observation."

Ms. Gloria Powell member, made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the necessary corrections. Ms. Virginia Hughes member, second the motion to accept the minutes as corrected no discussion all in favor, the motion passes.

The Superintendent 's report:

The discussion of student attendance and the loss of employees at many of our schools. Attendance is not really counted from 5/15/10-6/15/10. They don't count based on projected attendance. Some of our schools should not loose any of their employees.

Fremont High School is moving along with the restructuring process. There are a lot of teachers reapplying. There are several committees that are doing the interviews for staff. This is the first time the parents and students "get a say so in who is hired."

The Governor of CA is trying to eliminate seniority in the teaching profession.

There are a lot of new teachers we can bring in, but the problem is the cutbacks.

Some teachers want to come aboard such as Teach For America (Teacher Program), Cal State Dominguez Hills, U.C.L.A.

How we respond to students and reduce the numbers of suspensions is an area of concern.

Standardized Testing Time is coming. The outcome of the test results will not be reported until August 2010.

Q: Is there any correspondence regarding the role and responsibility of the PCAC from the office of Superintendent Cortines about the "Sunshine Process" as the contracts for AALA and UTLA have been in talks.

Dr. Manuel Local District 7 Administrator of Instruction presented "Key Access Methods" Bul-6827.1 Office of Curriculum Instruction and School Support. This training was to become familiar with Local District 7 Classroom Observation Guide when going to a classroom for observation of teaching and learning. Looking at the areas of the template were discussed, The Access Strategies: of Graphic /Advanced Organizers Cooperative and Communal learning, Instructional Conversations and Academic Vocabulary. Dr. Manuel said she will get a group together so that in April we will do a walk thru. Sign-ups were done.

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Q: What about the rehiring at Fremont High School?

A: Dr. Manuel said her understanding of the process is to look at the Data and Student Report Cards.

Q: Mr. Brown member of community asked about Advisory Committee Representatives training?

Mr. Brown made the recommendation that the PCAC and the members of the A.C. R. go to the Principals Meeting and be introduced on April 17th2010. Since testing starts the 2nd week of May we (ACR) need to walk in April.

Ms. Powell a guest from Foshay Learning Center commented "We want to make sure that we are to observe all grade levels, especially high school so that those grades don't fall below the cracks."

Ms. V. parent guest does not want the committee to come to her school.

Q: Do you have a set number of school visits before the school year ends in Elementary Middle and High Schools?

A: Not Yet

There was some dialogue among the members concerning equal numbers of visits by the A.C.R. and their feelings of visits at their own schools.

A guest suggested that everyone on the PCAC and the A.C.R. attend Board Member LaMotte's monthly meetings.

Mrs Daniels recommended that we make the "Sunshine Process" an agenda item for our next meeting.

Mr. Green Vice President made a comment that we all try to work together.

Ms. Powell recommended that we have a group like this for Special Education or make it part of our meeting.

Ms. Vega parent member thanked her (Ms Powell) for her comments and that She's (Ms Vega) going to have a Special Education conference. It's good for parents to know they have rights. She's going to bring in a presentation April 21st 2010 at 10:00am.

Ms. A. Hunt recommended that the schools should explain to the parents/guardians about the I.E.P. process, the meaning and purpose of Special Education its benefits and services before the parent is put in a room with 15 people.

Mr. Brown Parliamentarian made a recommendation we open the membership for new members and to review the Bylaws make any necessary amendments and start the election for new members and or officers.

Ms. Gloria Powell Member made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms A. Castaneda second the motion to adjourn the meeting No discussion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Nash-Jones Secretary/pmd