

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE MEETING**

**January 24, 2011
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Room 2-131
Los Angeles, CA 90017
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Cortines opened the meeting by providing background on the Task Force and emphasized the importance of parent involvement and engagement in raising student achievement.

Presentation – Parent Engagement Landscape

Ms. Terriquez presented the current status of parent involvement in LAUSD. She provided information on the following topics:

- Goals of Parent Involvement
- Types of Parental Involvement in Children's Education and their Potential Benefits
- Parental Involvement in Conventional School Sponsored Activities
- Parental Engagement in School Governance
- Parent Engagement in Policy and School Change
- General Patterns of School Involvement & Engagement

The LAUSD Board Resolution

Board Member Flores presented background on the resolution for parent engagement and the reason for the formation of this Task Force. She outlined how the resolution will strengthen parent involvement through parent centers and how the District can provide wrap around services to parents including legal and health care. Ms. Flores then introduced Antonia Hernandez as the moderator for the Taskforce.

Task Force Objectives and Goals

Ms. Antonia Hernandez, CEO, California Community Foundation, presented the goals and objectives of the Task Force to support the school as the center of the community in the present environment of continually shrinking resources. Ms. Hernandez indicated that the Task Force work must be completed within two months.

Dr. Judy Elliott, Chief Academic Officer, provided an explanation of the use of current parent involvement resources and the need to realign these resources to provide meaningful workshops for parents that will result in measurable academic achievement.

Working Group Structure

Christopher Downing, Administrator, Parent Community Services Branch, explained the function of the working groups to implement the resolution. He explained that these groups are made up of all stakeholders and that members of the public can attend the meetings and participate.

The following working groups have been created to address components of the resolution and the public is welcome to participate:

- Parents Bill of Rights and Responsibilities facilitated by Oscar Cruz
- Family Support Network facilitated by Rene Gonzalez
- Matrix of Evaluation and Accountability facilitated by Sandy Mendoza
- Parent Engagement Curriculum facilitated by Christopher Downing

Next Steps

Ms. Hernandez presented the plans for future meetings and steps to guide the work of the Task Force and the working groups.

Public Comments:

Eleven persons provided public comments to the Taskforce.