



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council (DAC)
Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen welcomed the District Advisory Council to the virtual meeting.

Dr. Hansen provided a brief update on the Covid-19 Pandemic. OUSD is committed to the safety of students and staff and shared that all school sites remain closed. Use of Facilities are not permitted due to sites being closed. At this time, there is no definite information on how schools will re-open in August.

Topics discussed:

- School Re-entry Planning & Logistics – Dave Rivera, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Ernie Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 - Implemented a deep cleaning and sanitizing program for all classrooms, offices, kitchens, gyms and cafeterias throughout the District.
 - Principals coordinated with staff to pick-up necessary materials on site and re-sanitized.
 - District was serving an average of 2,000 meals per day in the early weeks of the pandemic; currently, the meal count is averaging 5,000 meals per day.
 - Solidified funding to serve 2,000 meals through sponsors Waste Not OC and the Orange Rotary.
 - Facility projects are deemed essential and necessary, which allows the construction firms to continue with completion of projects.
 - Maintenance Department has been taking care of urgent repairs to facilities and preparing sites for student and staff re-entry.
 - School yards continue to be maintained by mowing and manicuring.
 - Dave Rivera was asked to chair the OCDE Transportation Committee and will make recommendations to the Superintendents' on reopening of schools.
 - Schools will be able to return to normal operations when stay at home orders have been lifted and cases in the county remain the same or decline for 28 consecutive days.
 - Expect some families may not feel that it is safe to send their children to school initially, upon reopening, and attendance may be down. We are bracing for low enrollment.

- Reopening of schools will require careful identification of the activities needed for return and when they will be implemented.

- Summer School & Ed Services Updates – Cathleen Corella, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Sue Singh, Executive Director, Special Education
 - OUSD launched Distance Learning very quickly.
 - Information Technology/school sites have distributed over 7,000 devices to students and staff.
 - 98% of OUSD students have checked in to Distance Learning.
 - We provide a robust Professional Development platform daily, except Wednesdays. We have had over 4,500 participants.
 - Provide tools/PD for parents to assist students
 - Educational Services worked with OUEA (Orange Unified Education Association) on an equitable grading policy.
 - A task force team is working on devising a plan of action to close the school year.
 - Summer School programs will include Distance Learning for the general population, including:
 - AMC (Accelerated Math) at Middle School level.
 - Credit Recovery for HS students, including Richland.
 - Main core content and elective credit recovery.
 - Four original credit electives.
 - Special Education, Extended School Year.
 - Graduation will be virtual – each HS is planning their own.
 - Will follow the same template as a standard graduations.
 - Graduations will be recorded; all graduates names will be called.
 - Videos will be launched on June 11th and will be shared on social media.
 - If CDC guidelines are lifted, OUSD will hold graduation ceremonies at Fred Kelly Stadium on July 29, 30 and 31.
 - Middle/Elementary School principals are coordinating promotions with their staff.
 - Will include messages from teachers, administrators, parents and community.
 - Pick up of certificates will be arranged in a safe and conducive manner.
 - Considering the input from parents in planning these events.

- LCAP Update – Elena Rodriguez, Executive Director, Accountability and Equity
 - The spirit of the LCAP is “We all need people who will give us feedback. That’s how we improve.”
 - Over 12,000 participants in the engagement process.
 - Survey trends, most mentioned topics amongst parents, students and staff:
 - Improve Classrooms
 - Academic supports
 - Lower class size
 - Prepare students for the future
 - Provide a broad range of subjects
 - Special Education supports

- Focus Group looks at what is working and what's not.
 - Aligned with OUSDs EDGE, strategic plan:
 - Excellence in Academics and Leadership
 - Dedicated and Engaged Communication
 - Genuine Wellness and Safety
 - Efficient Use of Fiscal Capital
 - LCAP timeline extended to July 1, 2020 per executive order N-56-20.
 - Shared COVID-19 Operations Written Report template and five questions to address.
 - Shared OUSD School Closures Information page on website – great resource for families.
- Summer Update – Dave Rivera, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 - Cannot open schools to the public.
 - Still on stay at home orders.
 - Continuing to work on essential operations:
 - Playgrounds
 - Restrooms
 - Little Theatre at Orange HS
 - Tennis Courts at El Modena HS
 - Roofing, AC and Electrical
 - Working on an occupancy plan for after completion of construction.
 - OHS and EMHS will open new Science Centers in the fall.
 - VPHS will open Science Center the second semester of 2020-21.
 - Teachers are preparing for move.
 - Other Information – Ernie Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 - Day of the Teacher celebrations are taking place.
 - Classified Employees will be celebrated next week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47am. Next meeting will take place in the fall.