

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

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen welcomed the District Advisory Council to today's meeting, held via Microsoft Teams due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines. She mentioned that Orange County is now in the red tier which allows for additional sports and learning opportunities.

## Topics discussed:

- COVID Vaccination Update Joe Erven, Executive Director, Innovation and Excellence
  - The three available vaccines are Pfizer, approved December 11, 2020; Moderna, approved December 18, 2020; and Johnson & Johnson, approved February 27, 2021.
  - Provided the history on the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - The entire education sector was added to tier 1B on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as childcare providers and food service grocery workers.
  - Education Pods (Points of Dispensing) have been added to provide more opportunities for those in this field.
  - Shared the initial vaccine distribution channels and how the channels have changed over time.
  - Information shared on vaccine providers, in addition to Superpods and Education Pods.
  - OUSD held vaccine events in partnership with CARE Ambulance on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at their facility in Orange and on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Orange High School for OUSD employees.
  - OUSD anticipates a partnership with Albertsons to help others that wish to be vaccinated.

Dr. Hansen stated that Joe Erven, Executive Director of Innovation and Excellence and Tracy Knibb, Executive Director of HR were instrumental in arranging for COVID-19 vaccinations for OUSD and registering 1,000 employees.

- LCAP Update Elena Rodriguez, Executive Director and Sandy Schaffer, Administrator, Accountability, Equity and School Support
  - Timeline for the LCAP submission was short this year.
  - LCAP focus groups were held at all school sites. The District Office will also be participating in focus groups.

- Administered a total of 10,813 surveys in four weeks, including 4,019 parents,
  1,382 staff and 5,412 students.
- Demographics showed that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade had the highest number of parents respond; 6<sup>th</sup> grade was highest among staff; Students in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade had the most responses.
- The LCAP is aligned to the four focus areas of the Strategic Plan.
- Focus Area 1 showed:
  - Teacher effectively use technology as an instructional resource.
  - Confident that students will receive the support they need if they are struggling academically or at risk of falling behind.
  - Area of Improvement: Technology infrastructure is sufficient to meet instructional needs.
- Focus Area 2 showed:
  - The school communicates effectively with parents/families about grades, assignments, and students' academic performance.
  - Area of Improvement: The school regularly informs parents of ways they can be involved at school.
- Focus Area 3 showed:
  - Students feel safe in school (online or in-person)
  - Area of Improvement: Student discipline policies are consistently enforced.
- Focus Area 4 showed:
  - The school maintains the building, classrooms and grounds.
  - Area of Improvement: The school has facilities with up-to-date technology.
- One area of concern is the perception. There is a 25% difference between staff and students' responses.
- This input helps us plan the LCAP for the next 3 years.
- Parent focus group meeting to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12noon.
  - Contact Sandy Schaffer at sschaffer@orangeusd.org for more information.
- California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) Implementation Lisa Green, Executive Director and Raeanne Little, Administrator, Curriculum and Instruction
  - CHYA was introduced in 2016 requiring school districts to ensure that all students in grades 7-12 receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education at least once in high school and once in middle school.
  - Aligns to Focus Area 3 of OUSDs Strategic Initiative, Genuine Wellness & Safety.
  - Human Growth & Development is no longer taught in elementary school.
  - The law provides direction to districts to ensure students have knowledge and skills.
  - Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education is not taught in OUSD elementary schools.
  - Curriculum Review Committee consists of teachers, District staff, parents, medical professionals, university professors, District nurses, Curriculum Council member, Orange Unified Council PTA, GATE Community Advisory Committee member.
  - Committee worked diligently studying materials that were appropriate for the middle school age group.
  - Interested parents reviewed the curriculum, which is still available for review.

- Looked at the strengths of the programs available: chose a curriculum that met all requirements of CHYA and would work for all students and also be respectful.
- Link to CHYA information on OUSDs website: https://tinyurl.com/3jrjwtjj
- Budget Update Dave Rivera, Assistant Superintendent & CBO, Business Services; Scott Harvey, Senior Executive Director, Facilities & Planning
  - Presented the 2020-21 Second Interim Budget Report
  - State Budget Update including decline in California's K-12 enrollment, assessed values and property taxes, Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) information
  - COVID Relief Funds update, current and new funding.
  - Next steps: Submit Interim Report to Orange County Department of Education for authorization; District staff will continue to update the Budget Stabilization Plan; Submit to the State in May at the Governor's May Revision.
  - Measure S Update on tax rates and debt issuances.
  - Current status of Measure S:
    - Showed pictures of the progress at the four comprehensive high schools, all expected to be completed in 2021, with the exception of Orange HS which is already done and currently being used for classes.
    - Summary of Measure S General Obligation Bond Program.
    - Summary of Measure S tax savings delivered to the community thus far.
    - Measure S Analysis Assessed valuation for OUSD, comparison of actual and projected.
  - OUSD Measure S Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report (COC)
  - COC informs the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues.
  - COC actively reviews and reports on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction.
  - COC advises the public as to whether a school district is in compliance with the requisite requirements of the California Constitution with respect to the expenditure of funds for school construction.
  - A report is issued at least once a year.
  - COC consists of at least five members who are active in the following:
    - Business Organization
    - Senior Citizen Organization
    - Bona fide Taxpayer Organization
    - Parent or Guardian of a child enrolled in the District
    - Parent or Guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active member of Parent Teacher Organization
    - Community-at-Large
  - Provided a list of COC members.
  - Measure S program expenditures are tracked separately.
  - Provided a summary of budget and expenditure reports through August 30, 2020.
  - The 2019-20 annual report has been submitted to the OUSD Board of Education in accordance with California Education Code Section 15280(b).
  - Links to videos:

- *Measure S narrated by Kris Erickson:* 
  - https://youtu.be/CvqvpyLlXac
- Canyon High Gym Renovation:
  - https://youtu.be/xeGiCGQGI2A
- *Measure S Video Presentation by Board President Kathy Moffat:* 
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nScLEbPpQI

Meeting adjourned at 11:13am. Next meeting will take place May 12, 2021.