Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen welcomed the District Advisory Council to the first meeting of 2020-21, held via Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines.

Dr. Hansen thanked the 34 participants for attending the virtual meeting and started with the following introductions:
- Cathleen Corella, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Ernie Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- Elena Rodriguez, Executive Director, Accountability & Equity
- Dr. Sandy Schaffer, Administrator, Accountability & Equity
- Dave Rivera, Chief Business Officer (introduced later when he joined the meeting)

Topics discussed:

- Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Elena Rodriguez, Executive Director, Accountability, Equity and Engagement
  - Elena explained that this plan is a new state requirement
  - SB98 was signed into law on June 29th which postponed the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and created a new document for the 2020-21 school year called the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP). The Senate Bill includes requirements for distance learning and in-person instruction.
  - She shared the progress on the plan which is still in draft format
  - The LCP is a record of what we have done, are doing and will be doing during the 2020-21 school year.
  - The template was just released on August 1st, requires a public hearing, Board approval, and is due to the Orange County Department of Education by September 30th
  - The plan must be shared with the District Advisory Committee (DAC), as well as the District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC)
  - The District invites feedback from the community; Stakeholder Engagement included surveys for parents, staff, students and committees
  - OUSD Instructional Programming for all phases:
• SLICE –
  • S – Student Centered
  • L – Live Instruction
  • I – Innovative Learning
  • C – Culturally Inclusive
  • E – Equitable Choices

• In-person Instructional Offerings
• Distance Learning Plan
• Pupil Learning Loss
• Mental Health and Social Emotional Wellbeing
• Pupil Engagement and Outreach
• School Nutrition – over 225,000 meals served since last spring
• Increased and Improved Services for English Learners, Low Income and Foster Youth
• Covid-19 Relief Funds

Cabinet answered several questions from participants that were read by Dr. Shaffer before moving on to the next topic.

• Libraries are not open right now, but if the school communities need any specific supplemental needs they should reach out to the site principals
• Digital books are available online on the students’ dashboards
• Volunteer and Visitor Policy was just approved on Tuesday. The policy and procedures will be sent to Principals this week, restricting to “essential” only. There is a process that has to be followed, and volunteers will need to complete training.

• Elementary Waiver – Dr. Hansen, Superintendent
  • The state came out with guidelines for the elementary waiver on August 3rd.
  • Based on scientific data - young children under 10 don’t spread the virus easily
  • Three things need to happen before applying for a waiver which is a complicated process:
    • Labor Unions and Employees need to be consulted
    • Support from the community
    • Health and safety measures need to be in place
  • OUSD is a large organization; Some small organizations have already gotten approval and started school
  • Safety of staff and students is of utmost importance
  • OUSD will use a phased-in approach to ensure the safety measures are in place including:
    • Handwashing
    • Plexiglass shields
    • Wellness checks
    • Sanitizing stations
    • Social distancing
  • Students and staff will be trained on protocols
  • Employees will be required to be tested for Covid-19 every two months; employees have insurance that will help cover the cost; additional resources are becoming available

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am. Next meeting will take place October 21, 2020.