

**Pasadena Unified School District
District Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
Held virtually via WebEx

In Attendance:

- Jennifer Higginbotham, Blair DAC Rep. and DAC Chair
- Julie Flad, SSC & DAC Rep., PHS & SMMS, DAC Vice Chair
- Bryant Mathews, Field SSC Chair and DAC Secretary
- Kirsten Jackson, Hamilton, DAC Assistant Secretary
- Bernadette Cole, Blair SSC Chair and DAC Parliamentarian
- Kim Kenne, PUSD Board Member
- Maria Chavez de Gonzalez, Washington Elementary DAC Rep.
- Susan Hunter, Norma Coombs SSC Chair
- Warren Bleeker, Sierra Madre Elementary DAC Rep.
- Janet Morris, Marshall SSC
- Carol Gerber, SSC staff member from Washington STEAM, Sr. Clerk Typist
- Ellise Jackson
- Panagiota Regopoulos, Teacher, Altadena Arts Elementary
- Gabriela Moya De Kennedy, translator
- Connie de la Torre, Community Assistant, Altadena Arts Elementary
- Judy McKinley, Community member/CAC
- Laura Diaz Allen, PEN Parent Engagement Director
- Elizabeth Blanco, Chief Academic Officer
- Suzanne Berberian, Office of Family & Community Engagement
- David Rennie, PUSD State & Federal Programs
- Eric Sahakian, Student Wellness and Support Services
- Erica Villalpando, Manager, PUSD Mental Health Services Program under Student Wellness & Support Services
- Lara Choulakian, LCSW, Manager, PUSD Mental Health Program for Student Wellness and Support Services

1. Call to Order / Introductions (5:35 p.m.)

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes

Bernadette Cole moved, Julie Flad seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Student support, outreach and mental health services (5:42 p.m.)

- Presentation by:
 - Dr. Eric Sahakian, Assistant Superintendent, School Support Services
 - Erica Villalpando, LCSW, Manager, Mental Health Program—PUSD Mental Health Services
 - Lara Choulakian, LCSW, Manager, Mental Health Program for Student Wellness and Support Services

- Board Policy on Mental Health (July 2017)
- Two departments: 1: School Mental Health 2: PUSD Mental Health Services
- Where does a parent start? Based on which school your student attends. Contact the school and ask for a referral. Can go directly to the agency for your school.
- Principals are our main point of contact (and school counselors). They advertise our services to their school.
- Interns do presentations in staff meetings on signs & symptoms, what to look for, who to refer to, referral process.
- A lot of deliberate screening is taking place. Screening mechanism called Gaggle helps us to be proactive when students put in certain keywords like depressed. We mobilize efforts to identify the student's needs.
- Schools can help by continuing SST process.
- Should our schools be tracking attendance data as well as numbers of students receiving Ds and Fs?
- Principals do receive that monthly. Regarding Ds and Fs, not sure if it can be made accessible to SSC.
- Can someone on your team make a video for teachers to show?
- Yes, we can try to track something down.
- Participation codes: still have absent code, but also a code for when students log in, check email and correspond with teacher, submit an assignment, staff contact (usually email)
- What are the consequences for students who are not participating in classes or doing work. What can we tell them?
- 15-16 are students not participating now, doing home visits (was originally in the hundreds)
- Is there a behavioral piece, in addition to the attendance piece and the academic piece?
- Big uptick in cyberbullying in Google Hangouts and chats. Principals may contact Sahakian regarding this. Same consequences as if there were social media bullying during a traditional school year.
- Will we provide credit recovery options?

4. Board update (7:03 p.m.)

Kim Kenne, PUSD School Board Member

- Reopening on hold
- Survey open indefinitely
- Learns and International Academy still going to school
- Athletic conditioning, small groups for special ed. on hold
- Came to agreement with UTP regarding hybrid reopening protocol
- Last Board meeting, discussed modifications to senior defense and community service hours. Students will attempt the most they can, case-by-case basis whether they will scale back defense. Won't need to do any service hours during second semester, amount accumulated during first semester will be sufficient.
- This Thursday, will review and approve first interim budget, first time we'll review the budget since the state made the changes in June.
- Held harmless on ADA next year, but two years from now, all of two years of decrease in enrollment will hit all at once.
- Road map: vision and mission for district, aligning budget with priorities.
- Organizational meeting earlier today: new board president, Phelps.

5. Chairperson's Report (7:08 p.m.)

Jennifer Higginbotham

- Reminder to SSCs: focus on spending any carry-over funds from prior years and fully allocate your current year.
- Principals should be able to tell their SSCs how much is available in carry-over funds.
- If you have questions about what is permissible, contact David Rennie.
- Title I, S&C are under purview of SSC.
- Question about Civic Center Permits funds.

6. Member Comment/Public Comment

7. Meeting Adjourned (7:30 p.m.)

Minutes prepared by Bryant Mathews, DAC Secretary.