

Parent Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

March 23, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Adams - Kevin Gregor
Alpha - Haley Gonzalez
Berenda - Leticia Castanon
Chavez -
Desmond - Erica Ramos
Dixieland - Melody Mutton
Eastin-Arcola - Leanna Prim
Furman - Bobbie Jo Hernandez
Howard - Toby Wong
Jefferson - Sarah Machado
King - Ana Giron
La Vina -
Lincoln - Aaron Garcia
Madera Adult -
Madera High - Robyn Cosgrove
Madera South -
MaderaTEC - Alyson Rocco
Madison - Minerva Mendoza
Millview -

Monroe -
Mtn Vista -
Nishimoto - Jesse Ochoa
Parkwood - Martha Espinosa
Pershing - Doug Alton
Ripperdan -
Rose -
Sierra Vista -
Torres - Cristina Gonzalez
Washington - Isabel Cervantes

Non-voting Members in Attendance:

Lucy Salazar, Board Trustee
Babatunde Ilori, Executive Director

Others in attendance:

Estrella Cortez, Administrative Assistant
Alejandra Galindo, Communications Technician Bilingual
Mercedes Ochoa, Director of Language and Literacy
Megan Imperatrice
Martha

1. Call to Order

- a. Haley Rivera-Gonzalez called the PAC meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call – Introduction

- a. Haley Rivera-Gonzalez took roll call. Nineteen voting PAC members were present at the time of roll call and a quorum was established.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Isabel Cervantes made the first motion to adopt the agenda, and Melody Mouton made the second motion. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Jesse Ochoa made a motion to approve the minutes. Erica Ramos made the second motion. Motion passed.

5. Opportunity for public input

- a. No public comment.

6. Child Nutrition Update

- a. Director of Child Nutrition Brian Chiarito provided an update on the child nutrition program. Partly due to Covid reasons, the last nutrition update was in 2019. Since 2019, La Vina has a new kitchen. Some of this was paid for by a grant that they received. They have been able to purchase salad prep tables (at secondary sites), new refrigerators, a french cooker, new ovens, and a new refrigerator truck for the district. The salad prep tables help the district because the salads are now made fresh daily instead of being bought pre-made. There are also new food items for the kids. Some examples are omelets, freshly

baked muffins, fresh turkey sandwiches, and fresh roast beef sandwiches. The meat for the sandwiches are being cooked in the new French oven at the main Child Nutrition kitchen. He said that the meat is cooked all night, and then the sandwiches are made fresh in the morning for the students. With the exception of Rose Elementary, Easton-Arcola, and La Vina, the schools are getting daily food deliveries. Previously, the majority of the schools were getting deliveries twice a day. Due to the purchase of the new items, this has cut down on trips and is more cost and time effective. These three schools mentioned above get food deliveries once a week. Mr. Chiarito also informed the PAC about a new hydroponics program that will be up in the Spring of 2023. They are hoping that MadTEC will want to join in on helping with growing and harvesting the lettuce for the school district. Also, in the near future, some of the projects they are hoping to have completed are new blast chillers, Irinox ovens, Thomas Jefferson to receive a new kitchen, MHS kitchen AC project, and Eastin-Arcola to receive an updated kitchen

- i. Sarah Machado had several different concerns about the meals and methods as to how they are being served. One of them was not having juice at lunch. Mr. Chiarito said that the daily recommendation for fruit could either be in the form of juice or actual fruit. At this time, it is more cost effective to purchase the actual fruit. Mrs. Machado explained that the kids are not happy with the one choice of beverage because (especially in the warmer months) the milk makes them nauseous. She also wanted to know why they were selling the water at the school instead of it being for free. She explained that its hard for the kids to purchase the water because at the junior high and high school levels, some of the kids have figured out how to make a profit off of buying multiple water bottles and then reselling them to students. Mrs. Machado also explained that some of the kids don't have enough time to get lunch and then have time to fill up their water bottles that they bring from home because the lunch period is too short. She also had concerns about all of the high schools not having the same meal options. Mr. Chiarito said that as far as he knew that they did. Mrs. Machado wanted to know if it was possible to have multiple lunch carts during lunch. He said that the lunch carts are not as effective in handling food because they can not keep the food at a good quality.
- ii. Erica Ramos brought up there should be more options for liquids other than milk
- iii. Minerva Mendoza asked if MUSD is doing partnerships with local food growers? Mr. Chiarito said that most of the food does come from local growers in California. He said that the MSHS agriculture department recently harvested a crop of citrus and the majority of it went out to the schools in the district. There is currently talk of a possible hydroponic method that might be used at MadTEC School in Madera to grow and harvest lettuce.
- iv. Haley Rivera-Gonzalez asked if there were vegetarian options. Brian responded there is not, only on Fridays.
- v. Doug Alton wanted to know an approximate number of kids being fed. Mr. Chiarito said it varies from meal to meal and day to day. It is a hard number to pin point because not everyone eats every meal.

7. Review, Discuss and Approve items to consider for the formal recommendation on the actions and resources to consider for the 2022/2023 school year, which will be provided to the Board and Superintendent

- a. Executive Director Babatunde Ilori presented. A survey was taken to find out what is the priority recommendations for the actions that will be presented to the school board. The options that were voted on were as follows.

Goal 1- Provide early support for children and their families before beginning school.

Goal 2- Demonstrates equity before equality providing resources based on students needs.

Goal 3- Provide a high-quality education with aligned curriculum and teaching.

Goal 4- Recruit and retain highly qualified staff.

Goal 5- Incentives and supports for employees to continuously improve performance

Results

- i. 1. Option 1- 25%, Option 2- 44%, & Option 3- 31%
- ii. 2. Option 1- 6%, Option 2- 56%, Option 3- 13% & Option 4- 25%
- iii. 3. Option 1- 31%, Option 2-13%, Option 3- 25% & Option 4- 31%
- iv. 4. Option 1- 25%, Option 2- 63%, & Option 3- 13%
- v. 5. Option 1- 69% & Option 2- 31%

8. PAC Member Updates

- a. None

9. Announcements

- a. Next PAC meeting - 4/20/22, at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Discuss Future Agenda Items
 - i. Melody would like information on district policy regarding extreme heat.

10. Adjournment

- a. Haley Rivera-Gonzalez motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.