



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Administrator's Report
Wednesday, September 15, 2021



Greetings

The Office of Parent and Community Services (PCS) is excited to initiate another year of learning together. Over the summer, PCS and our 2020-21 officers initiated dialogue focused with meeting two objectives for the year: 1) How do we deepen comprehension and learning for the membership and 2) What new approaches to meetings and trainings can we adopt to provide membership time to engage in dialogue with each other and to ask questions about the topics presented. These conversations led to a survey where we contacted each member to ask about the scheduling of the meetings with the two objectives listed here. PCS highlights this process because it speaks to the level of collaboration and shared decision making we see as important to the success of the committee. At today's meeting members will recommend topics they want to study with us this year which will result with generating comments, which will also be provided to the Board of Education. We look forward to gathering the topics and organizing a schedule informed by you. We were also excited to host a Parliamentary Procedure training on September 8 where our officers and PCS framed how our bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order will guide the structure for our business meetings. If you missed the training the recorded content is available on the CAC webpage at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/10285> . Lastly, we congratulate you for electing the CAC officers who will be valuable partners in helping us organize a year of learning focused on the needs of our membership.

PCS & Los Angeles Unified Updates

In addition to supporting the three district level committees at Los Angeles Unified, PCS is also coordinating how parent and family engagement is organized with our Local District Offices. Some highlights include:

- ✓ **School Volunteer Program:** A guide was organized to help families and school sites learn the procedures to become a school volunteer. On campus volunteerism was activated by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for the new school year. To learn about the application process visit the following site: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/10443>.
- ✓ **School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee:** School sites are currently hosting orientation and elections for committees and councils. To learn about the role families play in sharing recommendations and making decisions on a campus contact your school site administrators. You may also email us at families@lausd.net.
- ✓ **NEW Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Funds for Family Engagement:** \$18 million in onetime funds were provided to school sites for family engagement. For many of our school sites this is the largest family engagement funding line they have received in recent history. The funds can be used to update technology in Parent and Family Centers, to purchase parent training, to organize personnel on campus to assist families with school reopening and in other areas that specifically serve families. A guide to help schools use their funds is available by visiting the following link:
https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/185/Budget_Expenditure_Sheets_0821.pdf
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- ✓ **City of Angels Independent Study:** This is an online program available for families who request this option for the 2021-22 school year. Students receive daily live online instruction for part of the day and will complete between 20-30 hours of weekly independent work when they are not learning directly with a teacher. To express interest in the program you may complete the survey in Parent Portal.

Board of Education Meetings

The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education continues to broadcast on Zoom and KLCS. Meetings and agendas are available at: <https://boe.lausd.net/event>

- Innovation Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:00 p.m.



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- Regular (9 a.m.) and Special Board Meeting (1:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, September 28.
- Regular (9 a.m.) and Special Board Meeting (1:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 12.

Responsibilities Assigned to the CAC

The CAC shall advise the school district governing board on at least the following tasks:

1. Advising the policy and administrative entity of the special education local plan area regarding the development, amendment, and review of the local plan. The entity shall review and consider comments from the community advisory committee.
2. Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the plan.
3. Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan.
4. Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the local plan.
5. Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.
6. Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance.
7. Supporting community involvement in the parent advisory committee established pursuant to Section 52063 to encourage the inclusion of parents of individuals with exceptional needs to the extent these pupils also fall within one or more of the definitions in Section 42238.01