



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

PAC ACTION NOTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

(These are not official meeting minutes!)

This is an update on issues and projects discussed at the PAC's meeting on September 20th. The official Minutes from the September meeting will be reviewed on October 18th.

➔ The next meetings of the PAC will be:

- **Special Meeting: Monday, October 3rd** (see below for more information)
- **Tuesday, October 18th**
- Tuesday, November 15th
- Tuesday, December 6th

Regular meetings of the PAC start at 6pm, and are held at 555 Franklin Street (the district's central office). Dinner, interpretation and childcare will be provided - but please let Ruth know if you plan to bring your children so we have enough materials & supplies on hand!

➔ Special meeting of the PAC focused on student achievement data & SFUSD initiatives

- Monday, October 3, 2011, from 1:00 - 2:30pm

PAC members and community partners will discuss SFUSD student achievement data, and the district's strategic initiatives to support student success and close the achievement gap, in a special meeting with Assistant Superintendent Ritu Khanna and Deputy Superintendent Richard Carranza. A powerpoint presentation with district data is attached to these notes and may also be found on the PAC's website (this is the presentation given to the Board of Education at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13th).

➔ PAC Priorities for this School Year

On September 20th PAC members reviewed the PAC's ongoing projects, new issues to consider taking on, and the district's initiatives for this year. PAC members shared ideas about issues they feel strongly about and hope to address, then reviewed the PAC's criteria for working on issues before voting on our priorities for the year. Through this process we considered how the PAC's involvement might leverage strategic changes to support student achievement, as well as the PAC's capacity to work on these issues (based mostly on the members' time to volunteer).

The PAC's criteria when considering its priority issues include:

- Would working on this issue support equity and social justice in schools?
- Who else is working on this, and who asked the PAC to work on it?
- What's the timeline/urgency for us to work on this?
- What resources would be required (including people's time, materials, and costs)?
- Does this relate to parents' concerns we identified through previous community engagement, and recommendations we've made to the Board? (For example, supporting student achievement, promoting teacher and administrator quality, improving communication with families, and empowering parents.)
- Will working on this help leverage significant change for students in the district?

PAC members then voted to determine priority issues for this school year. Priorities for the PAC are to engage families, represent parent perspectives and conduct advocacy to:

- Address teacher and administrator standards, support, and accountability, in the context of the district's focus on a "core curriculum." (Monitoring the district's initiative to support middle school quality may be included in this work area.)
- Inform the district's focus on Restorative Practices to improve school climate and reduce student suspensions
- Understand and inform the district's budget process
- Monitor the district's "redesign" of how Special Education services are provided
- Monitor implementation of the district-wide Family Engagement Plan (including the "Family Concerns Tool Kit")
- Expand access to quality afterschool programs, and inform the district's proposal to align the SFUSD's ExCEL and Child Development afterschool programs
- Support parent engagement in Bayview and Mission Superintendent's Zone initiatives.

➡ **PAC Work Teams**

PAC members signed up to work on the project teams. The initial work teams include:

<p>Quality Schools: Teacher/Administrator Accountability & Core Curriculum</p> <p>Team meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 10:30am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Georgia ▪ Nancy ▪ Carolyn ▪ Rhoyal ▪ Scott 	<p>Improving School Climate/Restorative Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gloria ▪ Georgia ▪ Miranda
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Implementing the Family Engagement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gloria 	Special Education Redesign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buthienah ▪ Carolyn
Expanding Access to Afterschool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Miranda ▪ Buthienah 	

Ruth will follow up to support these teams to get together before the PAC’s meeting on October 18th, to talk about goals and possible action steps for these projects.

➡ **PAC Reports to the Board of Education**

PAC members signed up to present the PAC’s report in the next few Board of Education meetings:

- Tuesday, September 27 Miranda & Buthienah
- Tuesday, October 11 Georgia & Gloria

➡ **Opportunities for Outreach and Networking**

Ruth passed a sign-up sheet for people to sign up to represent the PAC at several events and meetings we have been invited to participate in. Ruth will remind people about these events and get them information/materials as needed.

Event	When	Where	Who Signed Up
Parent Engagement Coalition	Wednesday, Oct. 5, 10am - 12 noon	To be determined	Gloria (maybe)
SFUSD Enrollment Fair	Saturday, Nov. 5, 10am-12 noon	Concourse Exhibition Center, 8 th & Brannan	Miranda, Carolyn, Betty, Buthienah

Please don’t hesitate to contact Ruth if you have any questions. The PAC office number is (415) 355-2201. Be sure to check out the PAC’s website, at www.pacsf.org!